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# PREVIEW

## ENGLAND v REPUBLIC of IRELAND

**A**T first glance, the game is relatively meaningless. England are through to the European Championship Finals, whatever happens. In some ways, the match has a 'friendly' atmosphere surrounding it. It is, however, extremely unlikely that the level of commitment at Wembley will dip below 100 per cent, or that either side won't particularly care about losing.

England have a proud, unbeaten run at Wembley under Ron Greenwood; Greenwood's Army hasn't seen the team lose at home, the only defeats coming in Munich and Vienna.

A home defeat at this time would dent England's confidence and raise question marks about their chances in Italy during June.

The Republic love to beat Eng-

land, although they have done so just once in seven meetings, at Goodison Park in 1949; thus becoming the first 'foreign' side to defeat England 'at home'.

The last two clashes, in 1976 and 1978, both ended 1-1. In the 1976 friendly, Ireland were a little unlucky not to win; in Dublin 16 months ago in the European Championship a draw was a fair result, although England's pressure may have brought them a winner.

Ireland don't have many chances to beat England. Unlike, say, Scotland, they don't play in the British Championship and there was a 12-year gap from 1976 to the previous meeting of the two countries.

The Eire side will comprise mostly Football League players. It could be some time before the two teams meet again, so players like Liam Brady and David O'Leary will be keen to put up a good show.

### Unfancied

Whatever England's ranking in world football, Wembley is still THE stadium for opponents. Only Rio's Maracana holds anything like the same attraction for visitors. This has worked against England many times as unfancied rivals have lifted their game and made things very difficult for the English.

Osvaldo Ardiles has a World Cup winners' medal... but he still dreams of playing at Wembley. Next week, two or three Irish players will see their dreams come true. Strange how many England debutants have been overcome by the occasion, but opponents rarely suffer similarly.

The big question is: who will

Greenwood pick? He knows the nucleus of the side he wants for Italy, but realises he must experiment and give others a chance before the 'real thing'. This is why he is alternating his goalkeepers — this time it's Peter Shilton's turn.

Greenwood will probably give the ever-faithful Joe Corrigan another run-out, but this would most likely be in the British Champion-

ship. Against Bulgaria last November Greenwood introduced Glenn Hoddle and Kevin Reeves. Hoddle had a fine debut, crowned by a spectacular goal. Reeves did well, although has been hampered by niggling injuries since.

Will Greenwood keep Hoddle in the side? Or will he recall Trevor Brooking? In the Spurs man's favour is the fact he scores goals from midfield, which Brooking



# RON GREENWOOD'S PROBLEM POSITION

rarely does.

And what about the full-backs? Last time they were Viv Anderson and Kenny Sansom. Will Phil Neal and Mick Mills return? Anderson has the stronger claim to stay, as Sansom, like Reeves, has been missing through injury.

Dave Watson and Phil Thompson are unrivalled for the central defensive positions. This, however, is worrying — what if something should happen to one... or even both? If Greenwood has a problem it is cover for this pair.

### Postponement

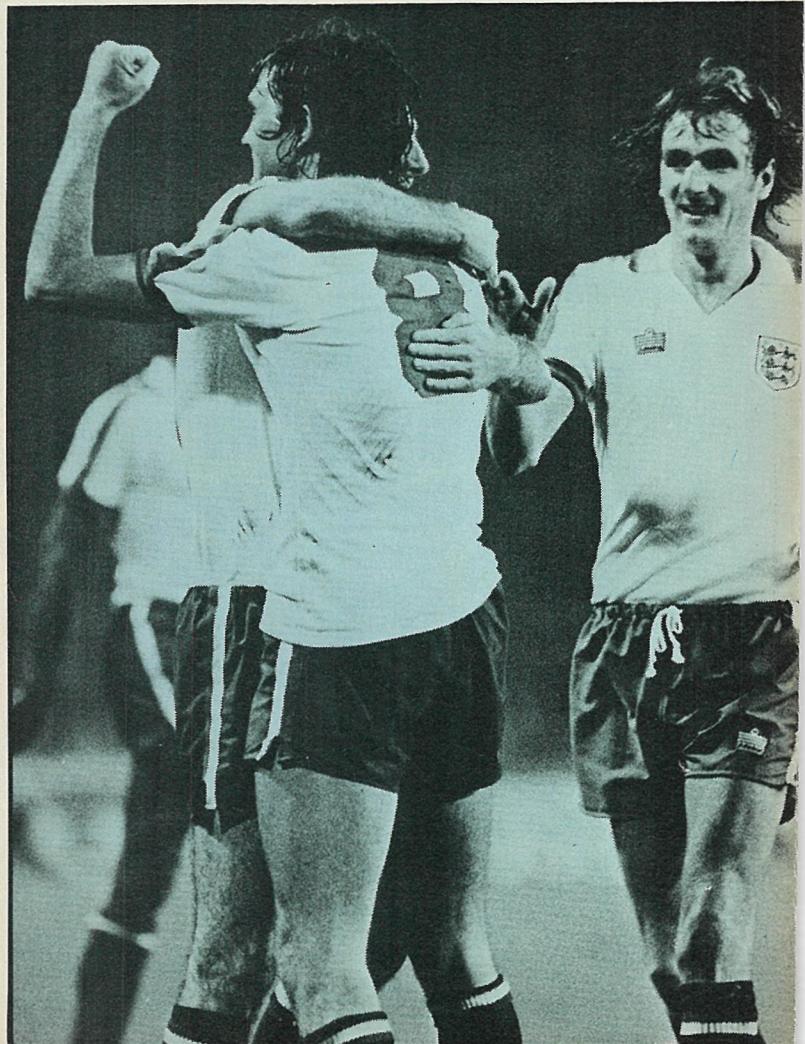
One man certain to return is captain Kevin Keegan, who missed the Bulgaria game when the one-day postponement due to fog necessitated his return to Hamburg.

Also flying in from West Germany will be Tony Woodcock to resume his striking partnership with Trevor Francis.

After Eire, Greenwood has games against Spain, Argentina, Wales, Northern Ireland, and Scotland before the European Championship Finals begin. Five matches — although it's hard to see him selecting anything but his strongest side for the games against Argentina and Scotland.

Injuries permitting, this is how England could line up at Wembley next Wednesday: Shilton; Neal, Watson, Thompson, Mills; Copell, Keegan, Wilkins, Brooking; Francis, Woodcock. Greenwood may also make full use of his two permitted substitutes, too.

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Phil Thompson (right) has few serious challengers for his position.



# at Wembley, Wednesday February 6th

THE Republic of Ireland travel to Wembley for what manager Johnny Giles describes as "a prestige game for our players, who have nothing to lose at this stage."

He continues: "We have played England twice in recent years and drawn both games," pointing out that the Republic were the only team to take a point off England in the European Championship.

But what about Eire's dismal away record? The records show that they have won only three competitive away games in their history and none since Giles took charge in October, 1973.

Admittedly this is a problem that Giles inherited — their last competitive away win was against Czechoslovakia in Prague in 1967. But while Giles has improved Eire's world rating with some excellent home performances, the away results have been very disappointing.

SHOOT asked the Eire manager to explain why he has won only two of his 18 away games, neither of which were competitive.

"We came very close to qualifying in the last World Cup when we played France and Bulgaria away. We had two controversial decisions in both of those games. Frank Stapleton had a 'goal' disallowed in Paris and I had what I thought was a perfectly good goal disallowed against Bulgaria, which would have put us two up. I would put it down to sheer bad luck."

The worst defeats were against Switzerland in the 1976 European Championship, when Eire lost 1-0



Republic of Ireland manager Johnny Giles.

## CAN EIRE BREAK THEIR 13-YEAR DUCK?

in Berne, and when they went down on a similar scoreline against Bulgaria in Sofia last May.

Giles agrees: "They were two countries we were capable of beating and didn't. But we have done well against some of the top sides in the world away from home. The statistics may look bad, but it's the overall progress I am concerned about," he told us.

"We have competed with teams like Brazil, Uruguay, Chile and Rus-

sia away from home and done well. And remember that we were often understrength. For example we had our worst defeat in years against Czechoslovakia last year with what was an experimental side."

Eire lost all four of their away games last year and now they face up to their first game of the 80's at Wembley.

David O'Leary made his debut when the sides met there in Sep-

### FACTS

TONY Greasham has yet to play soccer at Wembley. But the London born midfielder has played Gaelic Football at the famous Stadium.

STEVE Heighway will become the 17th player to receive the special statuette awarded to Eire players who reach the 25 cap mark. Steve got his 24th cap against Northern Ireland.

AND Don Givens could achieve his lifetime ambition of reaching the half-century mark. Only Giles and Mulligan have gone past the 50 mark.

tember, 1976. This time round the young Arsenal centre-half's experience could be a telling factor.

Paddy Mulligan resumed as Eire captain when Giles retired from international duty last May. But Giles replaced Paddy with John Devine against Northern Ireland. And Mick Martin, who had skippered the side against the United States, led out Eire in Belfast.

Now with Martin out injured for the remainder of the season, the captaincy has been handed over to Arsenal's talented Liam Brady for the first time.

The Eire midfield struggled against Northern Ireland, but of course they badly missed Liam Brady. Giles again: "Liam is a world-class player and he will make a big difference." England struggled to cope with the Arsenal star in Dublin when the sides last met in October, 1978.

The game is an ideal opportunity for the Irish players, some of whom have never played at Wembley, to show their club colleagues what Eire are capable of. But they will have to show a big improvement if they are to get their first competitive away win in 13 years!

This will be the Republic's second visit to Wembley, the last being a 1-1 draw in 1976.



Giles' Away Record (Eire's score first)

| 1974               |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| v Brazil           | 1-2 |
| v Uruguay          | 0-2 |
| v Chile            | 2-1 |
| v Turkey           | 1-1 |
| 1975               |     |
| v Russia           | 1-2 |
| v Switzerland      | 0-1 |
| 1976               |     |
| v Poland           | 2-0 |
| v England          | 1-1 |
| v Turkey           | 3-3 |
| v France           | 0-2 |
| 1977               |     |
| v Bulgaria         | 1-2 |
| 1978               |     |
| v Poland           | 0-3 |
| v Norway           | 0-0 |
| v Denmark          | 3-3 |
| 1979               |     |
| v Bulgaria         | 0-1 |
| v Wales            | 1-2 |
| v Czechoslovakia   | 1-4 |
| v Northern Ireland | 0-1 |

Total: P18, W2, D5, L11, F17, A31

# What do you know about the police?

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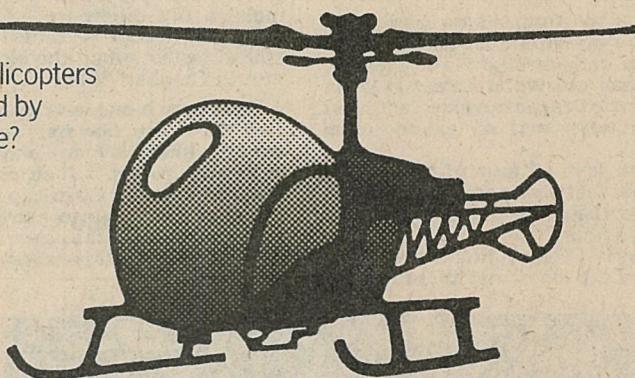
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3. How many Police officers are there in England & Wales?

- a) Over 20,000
- b) Over 50,000
- c) Over 100,000

4. Are helicopters ever used by the Police?



5. Which is the highest award for bravery given in the Police?



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- 2. No, all ranks in the Police
- 3. C
- 4. Yes, they are hired from private firms
- 5. The George Cross
- 6. War chequered cap bands
- 7. Department
- 8. Yes, they are hired from private firms
- 9. C
- 10. Europe '80

**ANSWERS**

## PREVIEW Scotland v Portugal



### EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

THE Scottish F.A. have been asking their fans to stay away from forthcoming matches at Wembley and Belfast, yet their main problem at the moment is to encourage their supporters to turn up at Hampden Park.

Scotland's national stadium could be ghostly on Wednesday when Portugal are the opposition in a match made meaningless by Belgium's qualification for the European Championship Finals.

There is certain to be apathy in the air, and the crowd could be lower than the 30,000 who bothered to watch Scotland losing 3-1 to Belgium two months ago.

However, the game remains vital for Jock Stein, who wants to kick off the 80's with a winning formation. Last year the Scots won only twice in eight outings and that is obviously not good enough.

One lesson the Scots have learned is not to discount experience and it could be that Stein will recall Birmingham's midfield dynamo Archie Gemmill.

Gemmill could help players such as Roy Aitken and Alan Hansen to settle in. Certainly Scotland desperately need someone to hold their team together after the recent failures.

The defence collapsed in Brussels when Stein tried the partnership of Hansen and

at Hampden Park  
Wednesday, February 6th

Aberdeen's Willie Miller in the heart of the rearguard and Belgium won 2-0.

At Hampden, Stein brought back Gordon McQueen and Kenny Burns, but even then this pair didn't look comfortable against the swift raiding of Francois van der Elst.

There has been support for a recall for another 'veteran' — Martin Buchan, the ice-cool skipper of Manchester United. It's possible that Stein might give him the nod, especially as Kenny Burns is suspended after two yellow cards.

Obviously a club partnership of McQueen and Buchan could go a long way to plugging the holes that have appeared in front of the much-criticised Alan Rough.

Crystal Palace's Jim Cannon might also get a chance to come on at some point during the game.

Gemmill could play alongside Celtic's Roy Aitken in the midfield. Graeme Souness could also come into the reckoning despite his lethargic display in Brussels, while Celtic winger Davie Provan might start the game.

Kenny Dalglish is still looking for an ideal striking partner up-front and a lot will depend upon the fitness of Andy Gray.

There might be nothing tangible at stake in this match, but this is where Scotland's build-up to the 1982 World Cup Finals begin.

Portugal, who beat Scotland 1-0 in Lisbon in their earlier game, are also in the Scots' World Cup qualifying section and it is imperative that Jock Stein's men put the fear of death into them.

## Why this 'meaningless' tie is vital



The experienced Archie Gemmill is in line for a recall from Jock Stein.

**It's been all-change with Scotland since the 'Big Man' was appointed manager. The same side has never appeared twice. Here we take a look at . . .**

# **JOCK STEIN'S 33 MAN 'SQUAD'**

**S**COTLAND manager Jock Stein has used 33 different players in his 11 matches since he took over last season. This, proportionately, is even higher than Don Revie's 52 in 29 games . . . and one reason for England's failure during Revie's reign was his constant shuffling of players in the national side.

Only Kenny Dalglish has been an ever-present under Stein, incredible when you think he's had only 11 games in charge of Scotland. Stein had tried to find some sort of blend and pattern, but so far few of his experiments have succeeded.

Injuries have upset his plans to a certain extent, but the sad facts are that Scotland have big problems. Their display against Belgium at Hampden Park, when they lost 3-1, was dreadful and one wonders what would have happened had Willie Ormond fielded such a team ...

Despite his unparalleled success as manager of Celtic, Stein hasn't been able to do the

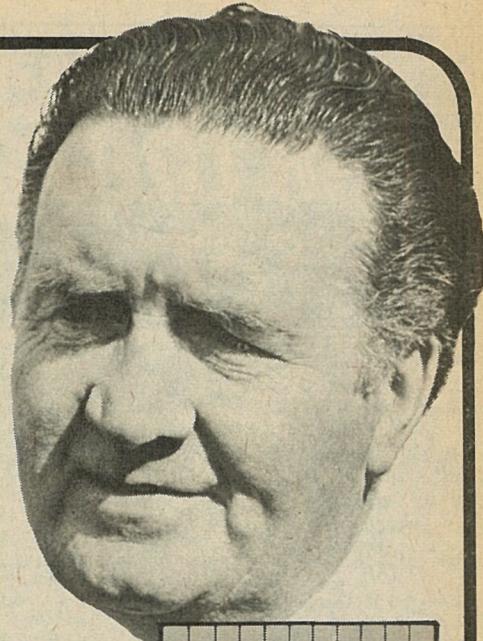
**same with Scotland and there are now doubts about the Big Man, unthinkable a few years ago.**

What Stein must do is to select a side and stick by it, rather like Ron Greenwood did when he picked up the pieces from Don Revie. Players need at least half a dozen games at international level to find their feet and everything must be geared towards the 1982 World Cup qualifying tie against Sweden in September. That is the next game Scotland HAVE to win.

In seven months Stein must find a team capable of winning again. He must plan for the future, without discarding all the players who have served Scotland so well during the 70's. It won't be easy, especially as fans seldom make allowances for poor results during transitional period.

If ever Scotland and manager Jock Stein needed the backing of their magnificent Tartan Army it's now.

**Kenny Dalglish,  
Jock Stein's  
only ever-present.**



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## Biggest away

Which club has scored the biggest away win in a First Division match?

DAVID TAYLOR,  
ABINGDON

• Sunderland and Wolves share that one, David — each winning by 9-1. Sunderland won by that score in a local derby at Newcastle — including eight goals in 28 minutes in the second-half — on 5th December, 1908, and it was equalled when Wolves won by the same margin at Cardiff on 3rd September, 1955.

Incidentally, despite that massive home defeat, Newcastle still ended up League Champions in that 1908-09 season — conquering neighbours Sunderland finishing third.

## England record

As a Greek fan of English football, I'd like to know the total of England's wins, draws, and losses in full internationals?

STANROS VALMCS,  
GREECE

• Since the very first — a 0-0 away draw with Scotland on 30th November, 1872 in the world's first official international — this has been the outcome, Stanros.

HOME — Played 234; Won 153; Drawn 47; Lost 34; Goals-for 652; Goals-against 259.

AWAY — Played 302; Won 164; Drawn 66; Lost 72; Goals-for 731; Goals-against 375.



## Greenwood's clubs

Which clubs did Ron Greenwood manage before he became England's team-boss?

V. T. TRAN,  
STAFFORD

• After a playing-career with Chelsea, Brentford, Bradford P.A., and Fulham, Ron Greenwood's (above) first administrative post was as assistant-manager at Arsenal.

He was also coach to the England

Under-23 side, and manager of Eastbourne United, before he began to hit the big-time in his own right when he became West Ham manager in 1961.

## Oldest Programme?

In a recent issue, you said the oldest League programme still in existence is one for a Preston v. Derby First Division game on 2nd September, 1893. Well, at least as far as the F.A. Cup is concerned, I can beat that — I have one for a Wolves v. Old Carthusians tie dating from 1889!

GEOFFREY ALLMAN,  
WOLVERHAMPTON

• Congratulations, Geoffrey. That must surely be THE oldest of all still around, and I wouldn't mind betting the Football Association would love to have it for their own souvenir collection.

Don't recall watching that Cup-tie myself! But, looking it up, I see Wolves won 4-3 — and later went on to the Final, where Preston beat them 3-0 to complete the first League and Cup "Double" in the Football League's first season.

## SHORT PASSES

• The F.A. Trophy competition started in the 1969-70 season; first winners were Macclesfield Town, who beat Telford United 2-0 in the Final at Wembley.

(JAMES FONE, Leighton Buzzard)

• Australia have only once qualified — in 1974 — for the final stages of a World Cup.

(BRYAN BLOOMFIELD, New Zealand)

• Bert Turner scored Charlton's goal in their 4-1 defeat by Derby in the 1946 F.A. Cup Final; Chris Duffy scored the winner in Charlton's 1-0 Final victory over Burnley in 1947.

(SIMON WALTERS, Chorleywood)

• Real Madrid won the first European Cup Final in 1956, beating Rheims 4-3 — and then retained the Cup in each of the next four seasons.

(PAUL STANDING, Lancaster)

• Billy Wright played in 105 full internationals for England; Alan Ball in 72; and Alan Mullery in 35.

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# 'McGOVERN UNDER FIRE'

John McGovern certainly doesn't let crowd criticism affect him — players are found to be irritated and upset by fans shouting derogatory remarks about them.

Back in my Leicester days Jon Samuels and Alan Woollett used to take criticism and it got to the stage with Alan that he hardly got out of the tunnel before they were at him.

He was the local lad surrounded by several big money players and when things went wrong, Alan used to carry the can.

If fans would stop and think, they would realise they do more harm than good in being critical.



## KEEP UP WITH SHILTON

• T never ceases to shock me when I hear crowds victimising a player in the team they are allegedly supporting.

Alan Ball has had some stick from a section of the Southampton crowd this season, and so had Colin Lee at Tottenham before his transfer to Chelsea. It's fair also to say that at Nottingham Forest, John McGovern has come under fire.

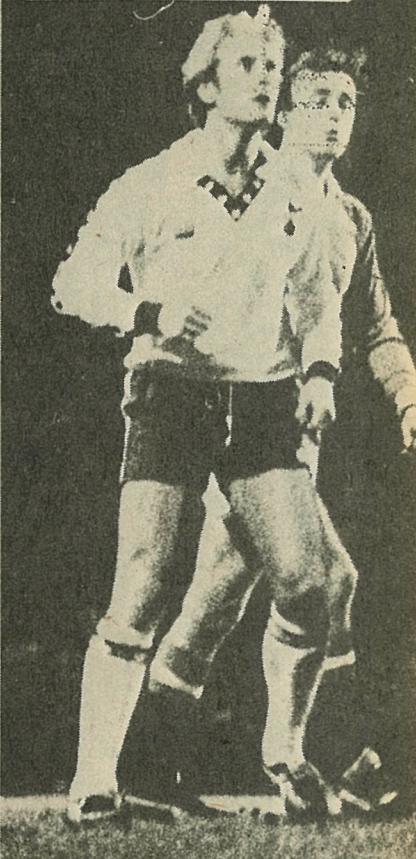
Fortunately, there is a growing realisation among our crowd at Nottingham that John plays a vital role within the side and that he is a highly-accomplished player in his own right.

As with other players, it could be that John's style does not lend itself to him becoming a superstar hero with the crowd, but he has got so much going for him in other ways that he's winning his critics over.

One thing John will never do is 'hide' when he is having a poor game. In some ways that's why one or two people single him out for criticism when the team's having a bad time generally.

It staggered me when I heard that the Southampton fans had been getting at Alan Ball because if any player has put them on the road to success it is Alan. It's a joke really but when you are the individual concerned life is not so funny.

With one or two exceptions —



# 'HILAIRE'S FLAIR'

HERE seems to be a crop of talented youngsters coming on the First Division scene and one who has really made his mark is Crystal Palace's Vince Hilaire.

Since he and Palace won promotion, he's really caught the eye but I first noticed him during the summer when I was doing an F.A. coaching film with Kevin Keegan, Trevor Brooking and Ray Wilkins.

Vince also came along and he impressed me very much with his natural flair. I didn't change my mind after being in opposition to him at Selhurst Park in December.

He can play wide but he has the added ability — like John Robertson at Forest — to cut inside, cause problems and score goals.

Another promising young forward player who I've noticed at

close quarters this season is Aston Villa's Gary Shaw. We beat Villa on our ground on Boxing Day but he scored for Villa and took his goal extremely well.

The mark of a good striker is how early they can hit the ball before a defender gets in a challenge. Shaw did just that against us when he could easily have delayed his shot.

Hilaire, Shaw and our own Gary Mills, who is being brought along carefully and quietly at the City Ground, look to be stars of the future as clubs place more importance on grooming their own players.

You only have to look at some of the transfer fees being paid to realise the value of finding your own youngsters.



Palace's Vince Hilaire beats Arnold Muhren of Ipswich

# 'EMERGENCY KEEPER BOWYER'

Glenn Hoddle jumps unchallenged to collect the ball.



THE way Glenn Hoddle has kept goal for Tottenham this season, Ray Clemence and I had better watch out!

On a couple of occasions Glenn has been pressed into action as emergency goalkeeper against Leeds and, more recently, in the F.A. Cup-tie against Manchester United at Old Trafford.

Both times Tottenham defied the odds and won very difficult away games and it's amazing how often the team who lose their goalkeeper do well in a match.

I've only had to leave the field once and that was during my Leicester days. Strangely enough, it was against Manchester United at Old Trafford and I had injured both my ankles to such an extent I could hardly walk.

## Goalless

As I was getting treatment in the dressing-room and following the match by the crowd's noise, Bobby Roberts had gone in goal and Leicester managed to hang on for a goalless draw.

Nobody likes to see a goalkeeper — or any other player for that matter — carried off and on the rare occasions it happens, the side who appear to have an advantage often fail to make the most of it.

Teams don't seem to capitalise on facing a stand-in 'keeper because the natural reaction is to shy away from giving a substitute goalkeeper a pounding.

No matter how ruthless professional teams are expected to be these days, you can't prevent the

human element coming into these situations and forwards will pull out of physical contact situations that they would not think twice about with the normal 'keeper.

There is a reluctance, too, for people to toss high balls into the box and put the novice goalkeeper under pressure. Referees try and treat the situation as they would normally, but there is probably a little care taken to make sure the stand-in gets some protection.

So far I've never been in a position at Forest where I've had to leave the field and I don't honestly know who would step in for me. Ian Bowyer comes to mind as a possible replacement because he's done the job before but, of course, he's not always in the side.

I think it would come down to whoever fancied taking the job on at the time and if I was in a position to pass on any advice, the biggest single factor would be to try and give them confidence.

Emergency goalkeepers don't have that much to lose because not too much is expected of them. But their record of success is quite remarkable — ask Glenn Hoddle.

# YOU ARE THE REF

Compiled by CLIVE THOMAS

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- (b) indirect free-kick against the attacking player?

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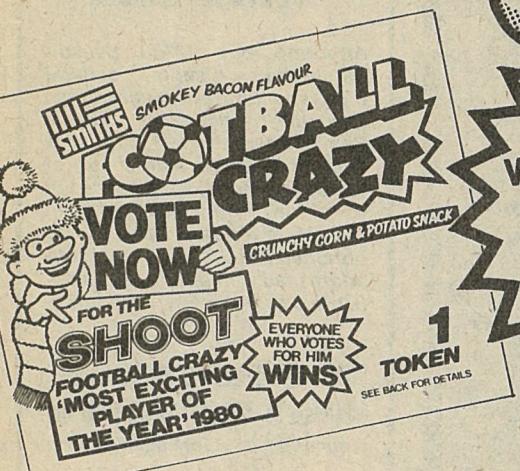
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# BERGARA'S PLAN

## *to bring the skill back to English football*

Is skill diminishing in English football on a noticeable scale? Many people think so and regularly voice their concern. They blame over-coaching and our opulent society. They mourn the decline in the emergence of players who can mesmerise opponents and send supporters home relishing the moments of individual 'magic'.

If the trend continues, they argue, how will we fare in World competition? Will the South Americans, who frown upon too much use of long ball passes and concentrate on alloying fitness and a willingness to compete with unpredictable skills with the ball, again take the next World Cup?

If we are going wrong how can we correct it? Few who air their anxieties produce any constructive solutions. We have interviewed a man who has all the qualifications to assess the situation.

He comes from Uruguay, and is one of the few foreigners to be employed in a managerial capacity in this country. He is Danny Bergara, assistant-manager of Sheffield United.

Before he was 16, he played inside-right in Uruguay's First Division. For Racing Club of Montevideo and later took his talents to Real Majorca in Spain's First Division.

His eldest brother gained 30 full international caps and a World Cup medal. Another brother, with Youth and full international caps became manager of Spain's San Andres club.

### Beauty

"I owe so much to England," he said. Thirteen years ago he married a beauty, Janet Turner, from the North of England and moved to England when he finished playing for Real Majorca to team up with Harry Haslam, then manager at Luton.

Their new partnership at Sheffield involves blending the skills of Argentinian, Alex Sabella and Dutchman Len de Goey with English and Scottish players.

"As soon as I came to England I noticed that most of the apprentices, aged between 15 to 16, couldn't do the simple things that we used to do at their age in my country. They were professionals because the things they were capable of suited 'team play' but individually they couldn't manoeuvre in tight situations, they didn't have the control of the ball with their head, thighs, chest, feet or in dribbling.

"Part of the cause is the environment they live in. There are too many distractions in the wealthy countries, movies tonight, disco tomorrow, ice skating, swimming, tennis.

"A football is no longer a precious thing. Now anyone can afford a ball. Where I was brought up, we had to build ourselves a ball out of newspaper wrapped in an old sock. A 'rag ball', that's all we had to kick . . . like it was in England before the War.

"But I firmly believe that the lack of skill here stems from expecting your under 13's to play on pitches

that are too big. No one that age should play on a full size pitch. School teachers should forget about winning Cups and trophies with teams of 11 players on big pitches.

"When a kid dribbles past one, two or three opponents only to find that he is still at the halfway line his only resort is to boot the ball up the field hoping a team-mate will get on the end of it. That's ridiculous. It deprives them from winning by skill and ability. The advantage is with the stronger teams.

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Danny Bergara (right) with Sheffield United boss Harry Haslam.



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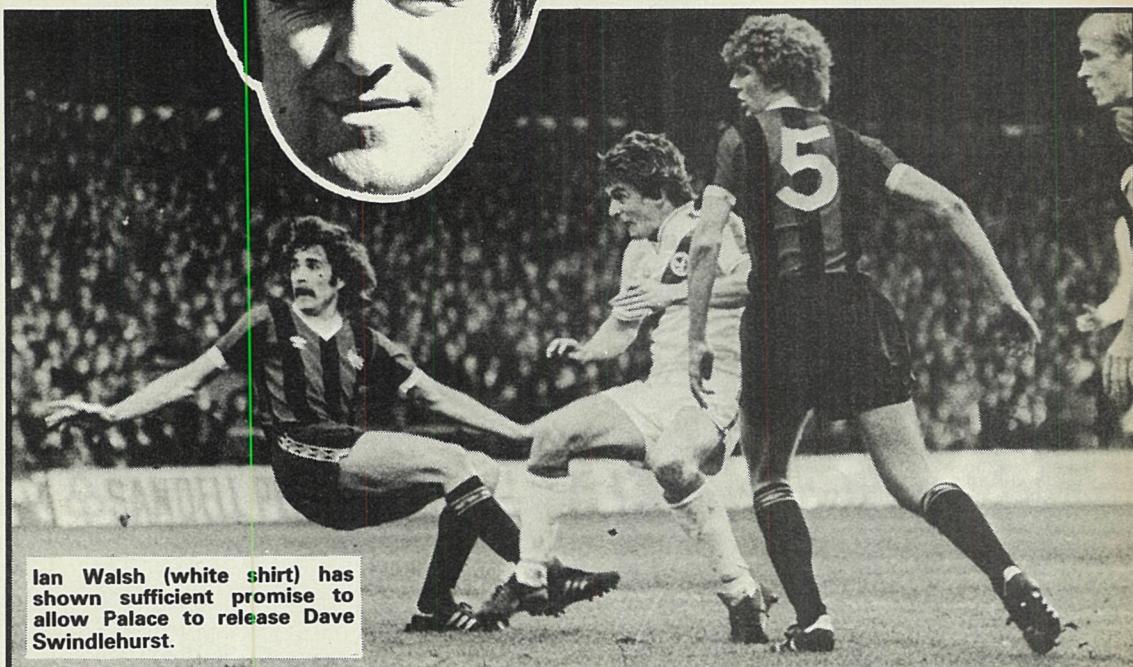
I can state finally and categorically that our England left-back is not for sale — at any price.

Gossip suggesting his imminent departure started circulating heavily last month. He has had a few private problems to contend with, and, no doubt, that formed the base from which the gossip sprung.

Unfortunately, the rumours did him no good and can make life difficult for a manager whose responsibility is to keep his players contented.

Kenny's problems are nothing serious, the kind that most young footballers experience when they're cutting their teeth in football.

It is then that a player needs the ear of his manager. I try to be as compassionate as possible in these situations. I've had lengthy conversations with Kenny in an effort to solve the problem.



Ian Walsh (white shirt) has shown sufficient promise to allow Palace to release Dave Swindlehurst.

## 'SANSOM NOT FOR SALE - AT ANY PRICE!'

Unfortunately, there was nothing he nor I could do to prevent the newspapers from running stories of his possible transfer.

To be frank, he and I have been more concerned about his recovery from a troublesome leg injury than by all the chit-chat. He's had a thigh-muscle tear and has missed important matches at a time when we've been under pressure to retain our healthy League position in the First Division.

There are times when a player can be chosen to play even if he is less than 100 per cent fit. Many footballers hide niggling injuries in matches, and fans are often unaware of their hero's problems. However, there are other injuries which should never be risked for fear of causing permanent damage. Kenny came into that category.

One Palace player who could soon be on the move is David Swindlehurst. He's available for transfer. David has played more than 200 League games for us and

his impending departure is no real reflection on his ability.

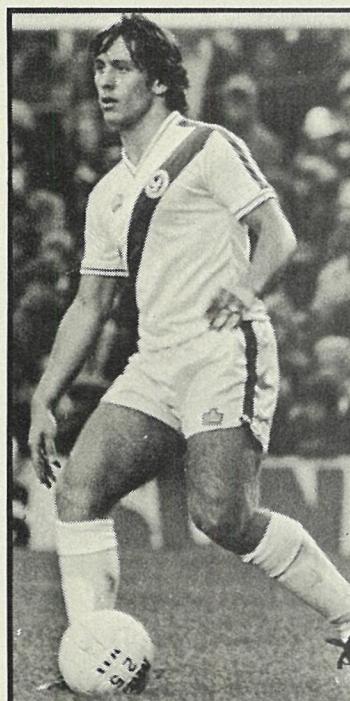
The simple truth is that we have an abundance of strikers, all of whom deserve regular League football. Ian Walsh has made remarkable progress this season, first as a substitute with sparing use towards the end of matches, and now as a regular striker.

I believe he will forge a dangerous partnership with Mike Flanagan, once Mike recovers from a ham string which has bothered him for several weeks.

It's said that only failed managers dwell on injury problems as an excuse, but our medical room has looked like the casualty ward in M.A.S.H., lately.

The euphoria surrounding our fine start to the season has died down recently, yet the staff at Palace remain undismayed. We never welcomed such extravagant praise, so we're hardly likely to worry when it fizzles out.

More important is the fact that we are consolidating our position



in the First Division. I get great pleasure from studying the faces of Billy Gilbert, Peter Nicholas, Vince Hilaire and our other young first teamers when the coach pulls up on a Saturday lunch-time at such illustrious addresses as Highbury N.5, Anfield, Liverpool 4, and Old Trafford, Manchester. It's akin to taking a youngster to his first international at Wembley. Thrilling.

So if I say we are not unduly worried about our departure from the F.A. Cup, the League Cup, and our loss of League form in mid-season, it's simply that my players are still a little star-struck in their new surroundings.

The players have responded magnificently to my prompting this season.

Vince Hilaire could well play for England one day. He's improved his crosses and if he scores more goals he will come firmly into international reckoning.

Jim Cannon's been a stalwart defender. The only striker to give him trouble this season is Phil Boyer, of Southampton.

To prove I'm not blinkered in appraising the performances of my players, perhaps I should mention three youngsters making rapid progress with other clubs.

### Exciting

Watch out for Terry Connor, Leeds United's star find; Gary Shaw, of Aston Villa, and Clive Allen, the Queens Park Rangers striker.

All are forwards and all are exciting prospects. Connor has come through Leeds' junior ranks, where he was a prolific scorer.

I am told he gave Steve Walford enormous problems when Leeds beat Arsenal 1-0 at Highbury. His winning goal, apparently, was remarkable. Gary Shaw has sprung to the fore at Villa in just a few months. Nineteen last month, his elevation to first team football has been helped considerably by his grooming in England's Youth team.

Clive Allen seems to have the class to become a top striker. He scored a hat-trick for Queens Park Rangers in his first full League game last season and has outstanding tutors in Tommy Docherty and his father, Les Allen, the former Spurs striker.

England's nursery of talent is brimming with promise at the moment. The situation augurs well for our national teams at all levels.

# JOHN BURRIDGE

Crystal Palace



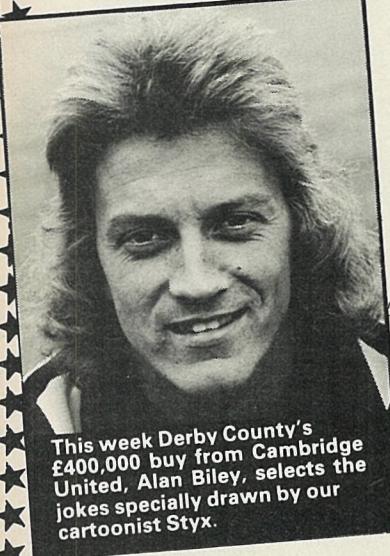
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Manchester United



# FOOTBALL FUNNIES



This week Derby County's £400,000 buy from Cambridge United, Alan Biley, selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



"And when United scored, dad put his bugle against the ear of a Liverpool supporter and blew"



"I'm not going out with that footballer again, mum. He keeps making passes"



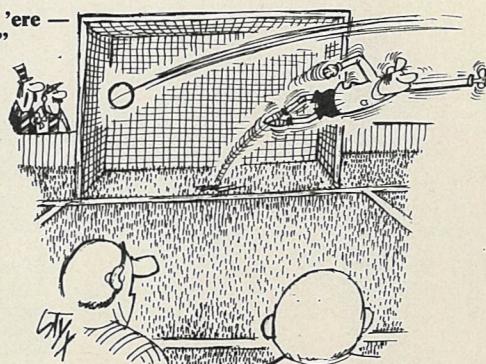
"Washing his mouth out with soap and water"



"I can't make my mind up whether Brown should hang up his boots or if we should hang up Brown"



"Psst, got a funny one 'ere — wants a Kevin Keegan"



"That's his one fault, Joe — no sense of direction"

# ON THE DOLE —

DAVE Watson was born on October 5, 1946, in Stapleford, Nottinghamshire. He was the youngest of the eight children of Fred and Maide Watson, with four brothers and three sisters.

From the age of five, Dave attended Albany Primary School, and within a couple of years he had taken his first kicks at a football.

From there Dave went to Bramcote Hills Secondary Modern School, where he was noted mainly as the youngest brother of Tony Watson, understudy to Nottingham Forest's F.A. Cup-winning centre-half Bobby McKinley in the 1959 Final.

All four of Dave's brothers were involved in soccer at some level. Peter, Fred and Jack played in the local Midland League, while Tony, apart from his spell with Forest, spent eight years as captain of Southend.

Indeed, it was Tony who was instrumental in Dave's first steps into the Football League.

"After I left school, I was work-

ing as an electrician, playing on Saturday's for Stapleford Boys team," says Dave.

"Tony used to come along to watch me, and was always telling me to get in touch with Notts County for a trial."

"But I was never really bothered, so eventually Tony phoned Jack Burkitt, the County manager at the time, and arranged for me to go along one Sunday."

"I must have impressed them because the following Thursday I was playing in the County 'A' team."

Yet even then Dave was still not convinced that football was the career for him. After that game for County, in 1966, he went off on holiday. When he returned he found that five young electricians had been laid off by his company. He was one of them.

"If I had still had my job when I returned, I would have turned County down. But after three months on the dole, I decided that I could do better than some of the players at Meadow Lane, and signed for them as an apprentice."

## Debut

In February, 1967, at the age of 20, manager Andy Beattie offered Watson full professional forms, and that same month he made his Football League debut.

It was a Fourth Division game against Chester. He played at left-back, and County won 3-0. By the end of 1966-67, he had completed 17 League games for County.

The next season, Watson made only six more appearances before new manager Billy Gray called him into his office and told him that Second Division Rotherham were interested in him.

"Billy told me to take their offer, and I had no hesitation, even though Rotherham were seven points adrift at the foot of the Second Division.

"I knew nothing of Rotherham's interest before that, but I remember that after just four games for County I suffered an ankle injury.

"My return was against Rotherham reserves, and watching that game was Millmoor manager Tommy Docherty. The wages were double those at County, and even if Rotherham went down into the Third, it was an improvement, so I signed."

**Dave Watson was signed for Rotherham by Tommy Docherty.**



# The DAVE WATSON Story — PART ONE

Since Ron Greenwood's first game as England's manager in September, 1977, only one man has been an ever-present in his line-ups. Southampton defender Dave Watson is one of the most experienced and widely travelled players currently in the game and in the first part of an exclusive three-week serial, he reveals how he came into football, and how he nearly gave it all up for a job as an electrician . . .

# SO HE WENT TO WORK FOR NOTTS COUNTY



The Southampton defender has played in every one of Ron Greenwood's England games.



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"I went in an exchange deal worth £8,000 with Welsh international Keith Pring.

"If Tommy Docherty likes you, then you are O.K. If not, you pack your bags and get away. Fortunately he liked me, and although a lot of people are critical of him, we got on well."

But that season Rotherham were relegated, and Docherty moved on. Watson remained, and continued to make a name for himself.

In 1969 Dave was included in an F.A. Select XI team, but turned them down. His reason?

"I was getting married to Penny on the day the party left. There was no way I was going to cancel my wedding day."

Rotherham never looked like regaining their Second Division status, but Watson suddenly discovered himself hitting the headlines . . . as a striker.

"We had an injury crisis at the start of the 1969-70 season, and Jimmy McAnearney, the Rotherham manager, pushed me into attack. I scored 15 goals in 14 games."

Suddenly the name of Dave Watson was big news. Not only was he a commanding centre-half, but now he was a successful striker.

The soccer giants were taking notes, and among those interested clubs were Sunderland. By the end of the 1969-70 season The Rokerites had big money to spend . . . and the name of Dave Watson was at the top of their list.

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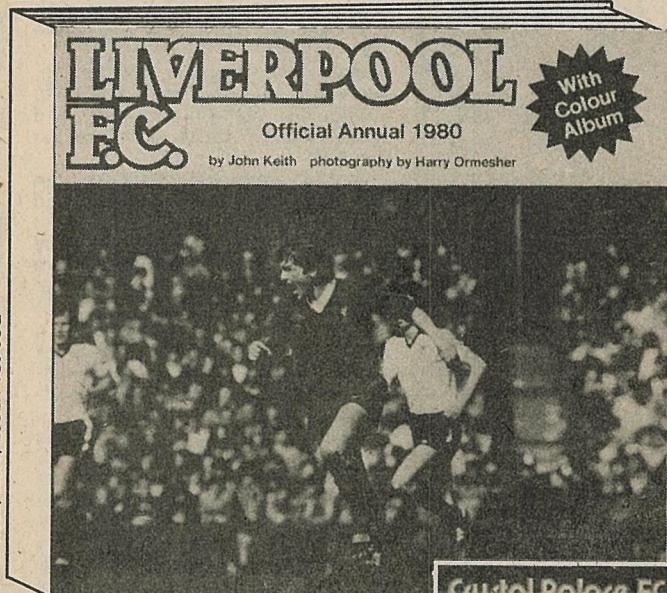
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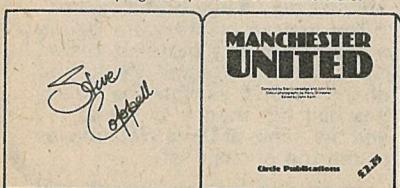
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# 'I don't know if I'll stay in the game'

I CAN'T imagine having nothing to do with football, and a lot of people ask me if I would like to become a team manager one day.

It's an intriguing possibility, but it's also a difficult question to answer. I'm too busy actually playing football at the moment to think that far ahead. I'm still a youngster, you know!

However, the fatality rate among managers is incredible, isn't it? They come and go and sometimes it is difficult to remember which manager is in charge of which club.

I know some players who say they definitely won't have anything to do with football after they quit playing, but I think it would be a very difficult thing just to turn your back on a game that has meant so much to you for so long.

I've been playing football ever since I could stand. I can't remember a time when I wasn't interested in kicking a ball around.

So, to be suddenly right out of things is something that I wouldn't particularly look forward to. I have played under the guidance of several managers and I've picked up useful hints from each and they could come in handy if I ever decided to move into a hot seat.

## Strain

But the pressure on team bosses is really incredible. You can see it in their faces. The strain begins to tell when things aren't going too well.

Results start to go against you, every goalkeeper you come up against is absolutely faultless, the break of the ball is against you, injuries crop up, players lose confidence, the team starts to panic a little and suddenly there is an avalanche of abuse coming the poor manager's way.

It surely can't be the manager's fault ALL OF THE TIME!

And I wouldn't imagine it would be easy to give your best and concentrate fully on the task in hand if everyone is shouting for your head. Yes, I firmly believe there is a huge gulf between playing football and running a football team and when I finally quit I will give everything my serious consideration before making up my mind on anything.

The reason I am talking about



St. Mirren keeper Billy Thomson makes a save under pressure from the Rangers forwards. His faultless performance at Ibrox earned his team a 2-1 victory.



managers this week is because we already have our first managerial sacking of the new decade. I'm talking about Willie Ormond's dismissal at Hearts.

The reason he went has nothing at all to do with me and I won't make any comment on it, but it just shows you how much on a razor's edge bosses must be. I wonder if anyone really feels safe.

Another classic example happened a few days after Ormond. Arbroath manager Albert Henderson was given the sack after some 18 years at Gayfield.

It proves my point of how precarious an occupation it is. Albert was, I believe, the longest serving manager in Britain and because the side had struggled this season he paid the harsh penalty for failure. That's loyalty for you!

Like I said earlier, I can't really

see a future without being involved in some way or another, but I keep remembering the joke I once heard about the manager who was retiring after 25 years with a club. Instead of a gold watch they gave him a gold-plated ulcer. I'm beginning to believe that story!

I'll cross that bridge when I come to it, however, because I hope to be around for a while yet on the football pitch. Unless you have been living on the moon you will have seen that Rangers haven't exactly been setting the heather on fire recently and there are several reasons for that.

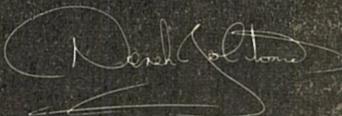
## Magnificent

We drew 1-1 with Celtic, for instance, and I know this will sound like sour grapes, but we should have been four ahead at half-time. Their keeper, Peter Latchford, had a magnificent game that afternoon and our only goal came from yours truly with a close-in header that even the bold Peter couldn't get near.

I missed our next match against St. Mirren at Ibrox through suspension and I really suffered. We lost 2-1 and again we had dictated things, but Billy Thomson, in the Saints' goal, had an immaculate game. What have these 'keepers got against Rangers?

He made one save that made me blink in astonishment. It was 1-1 at the time and we were going in for the kill. Davie Cooper swerved in from the right and curled a wonderful shot at goal. It looked a goal all the way until Thomson took off on an acrobatic leap and held the ball superbly just as it was going over his shoulder.

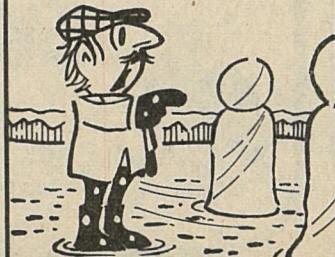
To make matters even worse, St. Mirren scored their winning goal in a breakaway move two minutes from time. There's no justice in this game at all.



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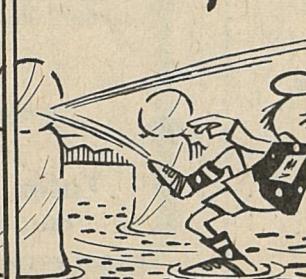
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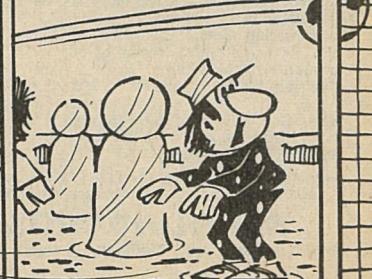
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# 'WHY WE MUST BEAT'

ALTHOUGH England have already won their European Championship Group and qualified for the Finals in Italy in June, there's a very important reason why we cannot afford to allow the Republic of Ireland to beat us at Wembley next Wednesday (Feb 6).

The team's confidence has been created by winning games, and a defeat could damage it and consequently our chances of doing well in the Finals against Italy, Spain and Belgium.

When I reviewed our Group at the outset, I regarded the Republic as being our biggest threat, and despite their disappointing results I still view them as the most dangerous. As evidence, I submit the fact they are the only team to have taken a point from us in the tournament.

It's marvellous being part of an England squad in such a buoyant happy mood, especially when I recall the very different atmosphere that prevailed a few years ago before Ron Greenwood took charge.

Our present manager has been a tremendous influence on the fortunes of the team, and we back him to a man. Probably his biggest asset



is the complete trust he places in us, allowing everyone to follow his usual routine outside training. There are no restrictions.

It's like playing for a successful club, such as Liverpool, Forest, Arsenal or Manchester United.

As with most international teams,

the majority of our players are around their mid 20's, seasoned and experienced at all levels. But we do possess a younger element, such as Ray Wilkins and Peter Barnes, who blend well with the older hands.

I'm reluctant to single out anyone for special mention, as England's achievement is mainly due to team effort, but Kevin Keegan has been a big influence. Not only on the field, where his ability and work-rate has been an inspiration, but off the field, too.

He's a great extrovert, always cracking jokes and keeping things lively during training and while hanging around hotels and airports.

Although he is the appointed captain, such is the confidence of the team that on the pitch we have 11 captains, just like Liverpool. No one is reluctant to shout instructions when necessary, a sign we all feel equally responsible.

Ron Greenwood doesn't believe in compiling dossiers on opponents, although he always does his homework on them, and believes that the game has been unnecessarily complicated.

His philosophy is a simple one: when we're attacking, all ten out-

field players are involved, and likewise when we're defending.

So although we play to a formation, it's a very flexible one which provides a lot of scope.

Ron Greenwood is very similar to Sir Alf Ramsey, the man who guided England to our World Cup triumph in 1966, inasmuch as he is a gentleman in every respect and is always reasonable and courteous. I've never seen him even near to losing his temper.

If things aren't going right at half-time, he won't rant and rage, but spell out firmly and simply how he sees the problem and his ideas on solving it.

Such is the spirit he has created amongst the squad that everyone named does his utmost to answer the call. Even those injured turn up because they don't want to miss being part of such a superb set-up.

One example of Ron Greenwood's loyalty is the appointment of Geoff Hurst — a former West Ham player and scorer of a record-setting hat-trick in the World Cup Final of 1966, and now manager of Chelsea — as his assistant.

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# THE REPUBLIC...

The Republic of Ireland's Paul McGee (dark shirt) goes past England's Emlyn Hughes in the 1-1 draw in Dublin in 1978.

It was marvellous to see Bill Taylor, now Oldham's assistant-manager, recovered from serious illness and at training sessions before our last game against Bulgaria, although he wasn't fit enough to participate. We're all looking forward to seeing him next week playing his full part in preparing us to meet the Republic.

After seven games in which we dropped only one point, we're hoping to climax the qualifying stage with a splendid, morale-boosting win in front of our own fans.

Though it would be too much to expect it to be the exciting, high-scoring affair we began with in Copenhagen against Denmark.

After going two goals up in the first quarter-of-an-hour we eased up and allowed the Danes back into the game. Consequently, we had to fight hard for our 4-3 win.

It was an entertaining game full of

**'Kevin Keegan has been a big influence'**



Kevin Keegan, the European Footballer of the Year who has been so outstanding for England.

tension and enjoyed by players and spectators alike.

Good preparation for what I believed would be the hardest game in the Group for us: away in Dublin against the Republic. Again we took an early lead, and again we relaxed so much we gave away a sloppy goal. At the end we were well-pleased with the 1-1 draw, regarding it as a point gained, not lost.

After that game, I found myself under attack from certain sections of the media campaigning for my replacement by Forest's Peter Shilton. It was a very unhappy period for me but Ron Greenwood kept faith and I played against Northern Ireland at Wembley.

I must admit I felt nervous; and a

desire to prove my critics wrong probably caused me to make a few misjudgments. Even so, I kept a clean sheet and we won by four clear goals.

Our game against Bulgaria in a hot and humid Sofia began our summer tour. The 3-0 win set us firmly on the road to Rome.

Our next game was at Wembley. Because Denmark were the opposition, there was a tendency to expect a repetition of the first game, especially as they were bringing all their stars.

However, the Danes disappointed by showing little of their renowned attacking spirit, and we dominated for 90 per cent of the game to run out 1-0 winners.

Northern Ireland in Belfast failed

to materialise into the difficult hurdle we expected, and on a rainy and windy afternoon at Windsor Park we emerged rightful winners by 5-1.

Ironically, it was Northern Ireland, playing their second-ever match with the Republic, who removed their neighbour's slender threat to our qualification by beating them 1-0 on the night our Wembley game with Bulgaria was postponed because of fog.

That presented us with the same situation we find ourselves in now: with no pressure to qualify yet the need to win to enhance our chances in Rome.

However, because the Bulgars played so much better than in Sofia we only managed to beat them by 2-0.

Knowing the strength of the Republic, who held us to a 1-1 draw at Wembley a few years back, we anticipate a highly competitive game with few goals. My guess is Johnny Giles' men will concentrate on defending and counter-punching whenever we're open at the back.

At the time of writing it looks likely we'll have the services of both our expatriates: Kevin Keegan and Tony Woodcock. If Tony plays, I doubt if we'll see any change in his style after only two months in West German football. Its influence could show in the summer, though.

And I doubt if he and Kevin will be shouting at each other in German!

Much as I'd like to be playing, it's Peter Shilton's turn in goal follow-

**'Eire are still the most dangerous opponents'**

ing Ron Greenwood's decision to alternate us before Rome.

It's not many years ago England players stepped on to the Wembley stage fearful that if they didn't do well in the first 20 minutes the crowd would be on their backs.

Things have changed so much. Now we enjoy their full support right throughout every game. On behalf of everyone in the England party, I'd like to say a big thank you to them all. Much of our success is down to their backing.

Before I join the England party, I've a date in the League against Leeds United, at Anfield. We've already played them at Elland Road, where we took a point in a 1-1 draw.

Leeds, in the process of rebuilding, are a team that must not be underestimated. Their 1-0 win at Arsenal in January shows they are capable of beating top-class opposition away from home.

Having already dropped points in draws at Anfield, against Bolton, Norwich, Everton and Southampton, we plan to get the full quota of home points remaining and retain the title in fine style.



## Angry Ormond attacks axing

"But I am an honest man. I have always been straight, and I would not lend myself to that. I have never been fitter in my life."

Ormond was released from hospital several months ago after undergoing tests for a stomach complaint, but he stresses he is now back to peak fitness.

"I'll tell you a story," says Ormond. "I wanted to sign Sandy Clarke from Airdrie and a director and myself went to see the player.

"We offered £50,000, but Airdrie said they wanted £70,000. The director told me he would have to consult with chairman Bobby Parker."

"Later the chairman, who was in Canada at the time we made our move, told me: 'If I had thought you were going to spend £50,000 I would have taken the next plane home to stop you'."

Ormond adds: "How much would Clarke fetch now?" It's worth noting that Edinburgh rivals Hibs made a reported offer of £150,000 for the player and were turned down!"

Meanwhile, the deposed Ormond wants to stay in football. "All the clubs I have been with have had success and I still think I have something to offer."

When Ormond moved out his assistant Alex Rennie, who was a player at St. Johnstone when the ex-Hearts boss was in charge, took over on a temporary basis. Hearts will take their time in looking for a successor and have already advertised the post.

Several names, including that of former Hearts and Spurs dynamo Dave Mackay, have been mentioned. But after Ormond's outburst any new manager realises he must be stepping into one of the hottest hot-seats in the business!

### Certain

When the axe fell on Ormond the Tynecastle side were leading the First Division and looking certain to clinch a place in the Premier Division next season.

Ormond has been scathing in his criticism of Hearts. "The board are weak-kneed and have bowed to the so-called supporters of this club — the yobs on the terracing.

"I have never been fully accepted because I once played for a club called Hibs."

The ex-Scottish supremo added: "It is unbelievable that a club should treat a man like this. After a training session I was told the chairman wanted to see me.

"When I met him he said he wanted me out of Tynecastle before the game on the following Saturday. It would be putting it mildly to say I was shocked. I was shattered, but we agreed to delay the announcement until the Thursday so that I could tell the players.

"Then on Wednesday morning my daughter told me she heard about my sacking on the radio!

"The club asked me to announce that I was giving up because of ill health to save embarrassment both to myself and Hearts.



Alex Rennie

## VETERAN PETERS THE BEST

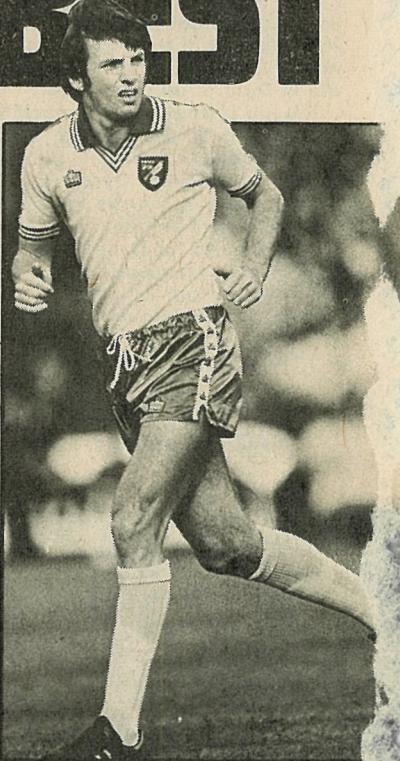
MARTIN Peters, holder of 67 England caps and Norwich's captain, is still one of the most wanted midfield men in the country.

At the age of 35, he has totted up nearly 700 League appearances and it still regarded as one of the most skilful players in the First Division.

Norwich manager John Bond reckons Peters is the best midfield player in Britain and Manchester City boss Malcolm Allison supports him and would be willing to back his opinion in hard cash if he was ever made available.

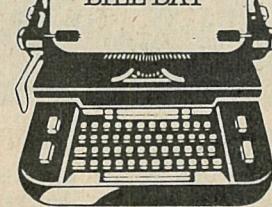
Says Allison: "Peters and Alan Ball prove that age is no barrier if you have the skill. And Peters has no peers, with the possible exception of Trevor Brooking."

Adds Bond: "There is no better midfield player in the country. He is impossible to mark and he also scores goals. I have him under contract for the next three years because players like Martin are irreplaceable today."



## NEWS

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### O'LEARY'S JUST 'GREAT'

DAVID O'Leary, Arsenal's Eire international centre-half, will be an all-time "Great" Gunner. That's the verdict of former Arsenal captain Frank McLintock. Frank, who now has a pub near Highbury and sees most Arsenal home matches, says: "David is certain to become one of the club's greatest-ever players."

GRAEME Souness scored his first goal of the season in his 100th appearance for Liverpool.

OLDHAM'S 12,000 crowd for their F.A. Cup Third Round tie against Coventry brought £14,000 through the turnstiles. But after expenses, to the F.A., Coventry and the match-day costs, The Latics were left with just £4,000.

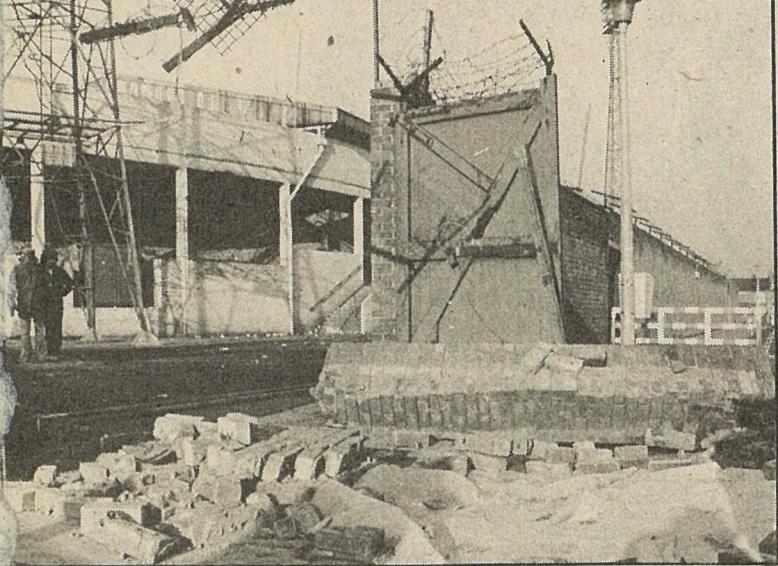
GARY Bailey of Manchester United is the Robinson's Barley Water 'Young Player of the Month'.

Area nominations were: North East: David Barton, Newcastle Utd; Midlands: Gary Shaw, Aston Villa; London & South: Steve Williams, Southampton, and Wales & West: Nigel Vaughan, Newport Co.

Bailey is the fifth winner of this award — the first four being: Jeremy Charles, Justin Fashanu, Andy Peake and Glenn Hoddle.

## DESK

# Boro ARE safety conscious



SCENE of the tragedy at Middlesbrough's Ayresome Park ground where two people died after the game against Manchester United.

Mr Norman Roxby, 51, and his wife, Irene, 52, were killed when a pillar gate collapsed as a crowd of more than 30,000 fans left the ground.

Middlesbrough were heavily criticised for not having a safety licence, but chairman, Mr Charles Amer, pointed out that they had spent £460,000 on safety measures at the ground.

He said that "every little thing" the council asked for had been done — "and more besides". Middlesbrough had even gone beyond some recommendations in the new safety code.

Under the 1975 Safety of Sports Grounds Act, all First Division clubs have to apply to their local councils for crowd safety certificates.

"At the start of the current season," said Mr Amer, "our ground met all the requirements of the Act. It was merely a misunderstanding over the signature on some documents which brought about the delay. We'd finished all the necessary work last April."

## 'FIRST DIVISION WIGAN'

TEN years ago Ian McNeill was given the sack by Wigan, then in the Northern Premier League. Since then, of course, McNeill has returned to lead the club into the Football League.

He says: "In 1990, I wouldn't be surprised if we were in the First Division. If we continue to progress as we have, that is a real possibility."

Chelsea would be the last club to argue with that prediction after slumping to a 1-0 F.A. Cup Third Round defeat against Wigan on January 14th.

## FACTastic

DURING the 1950-51 season three transfer fee records were established. Manchester United paid £11,000 for Reg Allen from Queens Park Rangers, the highest fee ever paid for a goalkeeper; Billy Steel moved from Derby County to Dundee for the highest sum ever for a Scottish club — £23,000, and Jackie Sewell left Notts County for Sheffield Wednesday for £34,500, a world record transfer fee! That same season Trevor Ford was transferred from Aston Villa to Sunderland for a mere £30,000. At today's prices those four stars would have cost a total figure of around two million pounds. How times have changed!

MANCHESTER UNITED have had no fewer than 36 full internationals on their pay roll in seven years, comprising nine English players, 11 Scottish, three Welsh, eight from Northern Ireland and five from the Republic of Ireland.

EAMONN Dunphy has resigned as assistant-manager of Shamrock Rovers. Dunphy joined Rovers two and a half years ago with Johnny Giles.

Eamonn may now take up a career in journalism.

## Loyalty rewarded

MECCA have joined forces with the Football League Secretaries, Managers and Coaches Association to recognise some of the game's most loyal servants.

At a lunch in London recently, Mecca kicked-off this worthy scheme with special presentations to eight players who made the most League appearances for a single club.

In addition, players who reach a milestone appearing 200, 300, 400 and 500 times for one club after 1st January, 1980 will also win Mecca Loyalty Awards.

Among those approaching 500 appearances this season are Mick Mills (Ipswich), Roy Greaves (Bolton) and Barry Kitchener (Millwall) . . . while Steve Coppell (Man. United) and Ray Kennedy (Liverpool) are among 25 players nearing the 200 mark for their clubs.

But here's the top eight, with more than 5,000 League appearances between them . . . standing from left: Jack Charlton (629 for Leeds); John Trollope (756 for Swindon); Ron Harris (640 for Chelsea . . . and still going strong); and Jimmy Dickinson, MBE (764 for Portsmouth). Front from left: Ian Callaghan (640 for Liverpool . . . and still very active for Swansea); Terry Paine (713 for Southampton) and Joe Shaw (629 for Sheffield United).

"Soccer," a 30-minute film presentation tracing the history of the world's most popular game with an emphasis on youth soccer and the development of the game in this country, has been awarded a CINE Golden Eagle Certificate for 1979.

The general interest film, "Soccer," is available on loan nationwide through local distributors of Anheuser-Busch beers or through Modern Talking Pictures Service, Inc.

## NEGATIVE LIVERPOOL

DAVID Johnson and Jimmy Case were asked by representatives of the Football League to take part in the new random drug tests after Liverpool's 2-0 victory at West Bromwich Albion.

Unfortunately, Case was unable to provide a sample for the doctors, and after much effort and a red-face, Jimmy informed them he was unable to oblige.

So another name was selected, goal-keeper Ray Clemence. Yet even then the troubles were not over, for Ray then required a cup of tea before he could fulfil his 'substitutes' role.

We are pleased to report that both David's and Ray's tests proved negative.

## POSKETT BOOSTER

HARTLEPOOL are happy that chairman Vince Barker negotiated a £60,000 "plus" deal when centre-forward Malcolm Poskett was sold to Brighton. The "plus" side of the 1978 transfer has brought the Fourth Division club a nice little windfall.

Hartlepool collect 50 per cent of the profit in the £115,000 transfer from Brighton to Watford. Barker is confident Poskett will make his mark with Watford. "Mal will score goals anywhere. I only wish Hartlepool had the money to buy him back."

## STANTON LEAVING

PAT Stanton, Aberdeen's assistant-manager, is leaving at the end of the season and will be available to clubs wanting a boss. Pat, the former Hibs and Celtic player, doesn't want to start a third season as a number two.

"Aberdeen are a great club," he says, "but I feel the time is ripe to move."

Stanton's decision has aroused speculation at Hibs.

## Clarke retires after booking and beating



ALLAN Clarke has retired from playing to concentrate on managing Barnsley Football Club.

He ended his playing career after Barnsley's 7-0 drubbing at Reading. He also received a booking two minutes before the end of the game at Elm Park.

It was a sad end to an illustrious career for the 33-year-old former Walsall, Fulham, Leicester, Leeds and Barnsley striker. He won 19 England caps between 1970-76.

He joined Barnsley as player-manager in May, 1978 for a then club record fee of £45,000.

"Sniffer's" decision to retire was influenced by a knee injury which has bothered him for several seasons and the belief that he must concentrate solely on management.

He collected his second Bell's Divisional Manager of the Month award from Mr David Lees, a representative of the whisky company. Clarke's admirers believe he will make the same impact in management he made as a player.

## WONDERFUL WITHE

PETER Withe is the best striker in Britain. That's the verdict of Queens Park Rangers' Glenn Roeder.

"If there's a better one, I certainly haven't played against him."

Liverpool and Forest fans wouldn't agree Glenn. But then they're in the First Division.

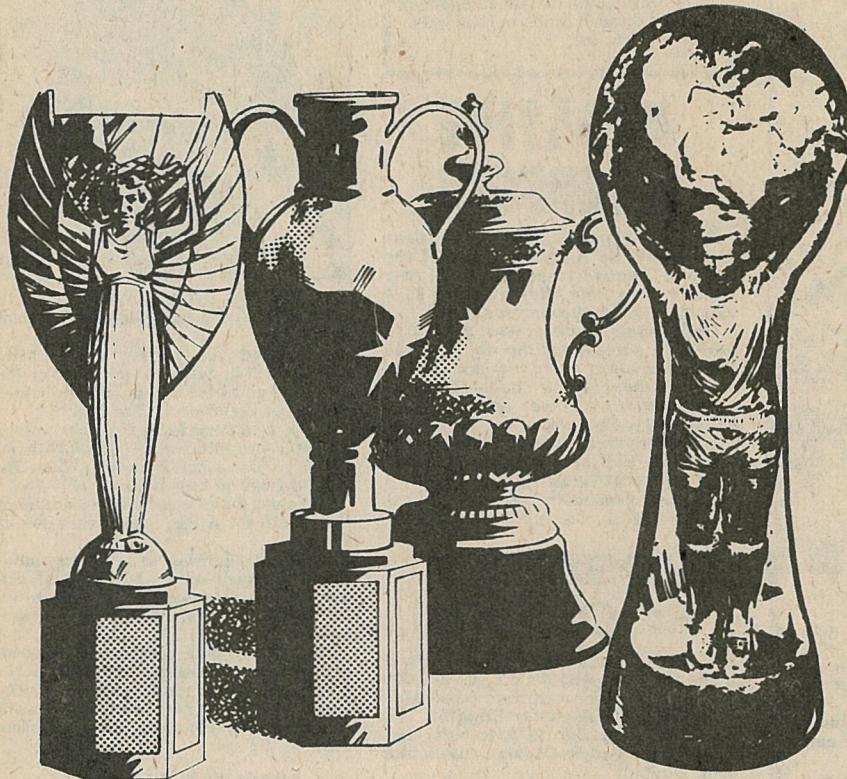
BOBBY Moore is planning to open coaching schools for young players. Bill Shankly and Joe Mercer, former managers of Liverpool and Manchester City, will help him.

CHESTER'S F.A. Cup exploits have encouraged scouts to watch their teenage striker Ian Rush.

Ian's 11-goals-in-12-game spell was of particular interest to Liverpool and Manchester City.



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# CLUB SPOTLIGHT

**C**HAIRMAN Ron Bendall has resisted a boardroom takeover. Ron Saunders' position as manager has never been so secure, and the new-look Aston Villa team is emerging as one of the most exciting in the First Division.

Yet at the beginning of the season, the merchants of gloom were busy predicting a period of struggle and possible relegation worries for one of Britain's most prestigious clubs.

Andy Gray had gone to Wolves for £1.5 million, striking partner John Deehan had departed for West Bromwich Albion, while England full-back John Gidman was soon to make his way to Everton. Fans were again demanding Ron Saunders' head.

But despite the reshuffling of the Villa team, Saunders has once again guided them into a challenging position for Europe.

And all this has been achieved without the need to bring the big-money players to Villa Park.

"In the past we've bought play-

enjoying First Division football this season.

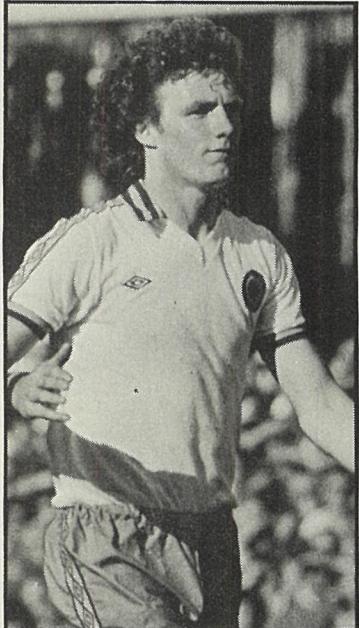
"Most teams would have been relegated last season if they'd had the injuries to key players which we had," claims Saunders. "Yet we never slipped below 12th spot. In the end we finished eighth."

In fact, since Saunders took over at Villa Park in 1974, the club's performances have been more than impressive. At the end of season 74/75 Villa won promotion from the Second Division. They also collected the League Cup, winning 1-0 against Norwich, the club which Saunders took to the First Division whilst he was boss at Carrow Road.

The following season, as Villa consolidated in the top flight, their League position was 16th.

In 1976/77 Villa finished fourth in the Championship race, the club's highest position since the War,

## RON SAUNDERS no longer the ASTON VILLA in



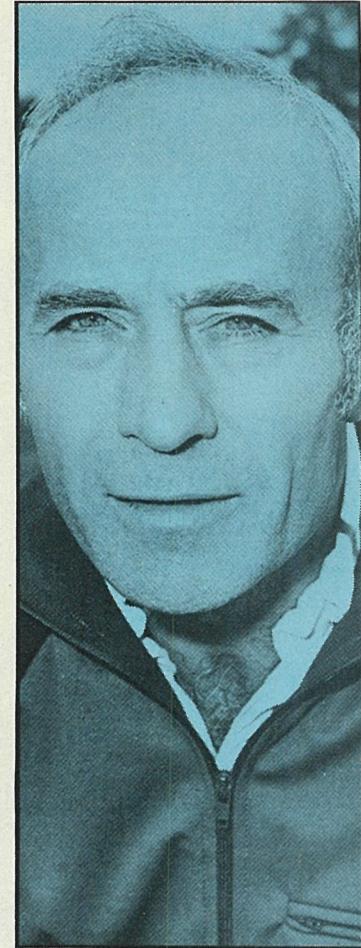
Allan Evans (left) has proved a bargain buy from Dunfermline. Another new name in the Villa line-up is that of striker David Geddis, seen above shooting against Liverpool.

ers who've turned out to be very good acquisitions," says Saunders. "Ken Swain cost £100,000 from Chelsea and Allan Evans £20,000 from Dunfermline. Both are first team regulars and both have the added advantage of being able to play in various positions."

That versatility, together with the Saunders policy of pushing youngsters into the fray is one of the reasons why Aston Villa are

and again won the League Cup, beating Everton 3-2. During that campaign the team reached the Sixth Round of the F.A. Cup going out to eventual winners Manchester United at Old Trafford.

In 77/78 the club finished in eighth place. And who can forget the memorable U.E.F.A. Cup battle against Barcelona in the Quarter-Finals? Villa trailed 2-0, and with ten minutes to go it seemed all



over, yet the team stormed back to draw 2-2.

With a record like that is it any wonder that the true fans show their acclaim?

Sadly, the club also has its following of gloom and doom merchants, who are only too eager to pounce at the slightest slip up.

"These are the people who think they are the experts," says Saunders. "They think they know more than the professionals. They're a minority of peripheral people who shouldn't be allowed around Aston Villa because they do no one any good."

Saunders is as concerned as any

other manager about falling gates and says: "It's up to us to motivate the fans, not the other way round. Once you play with passion and pride, then you'll get support. You win things together."

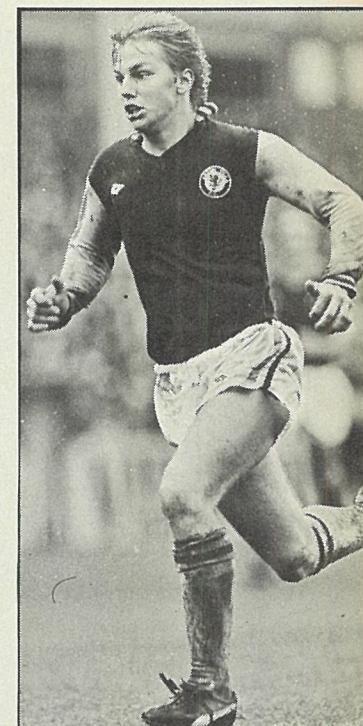
"You need luck to win honours, but by and large, you've got to know what you are doing."

At the moment Saunders is looking no further than winning the next match, but believes Liverpool can be shifted.

"They're a superb side, as everyone knows. All great teams live under pressure all the time. And what makes them so good is they can live and cope with that pressure. Every game's played as though it were a Cup Final."

After a so-called bad start Villa set on an unbeaten League run and

Ron Saunders (left). Gary Shaw (below) leads the Villa attack this season.



by mid-January were handily placed in the top six.

During the summer break Saunders captured the signature of instant hit Tony Morley, paying out £220,000 for the Burnley winger. Terry Donovan also came for £75,000.

In a ten-day September spending spree the Villa boss bought full-back Mike Pejic, striker Dave Geddis and midfielder Des Bremner.

Terry Bullivant, the midfield player from Fulham, became the latest of Ron Saunders' signings when the Villa boss snapped up the 23-year-old in a £220,000 deal.

With the new signings blending into the squad alongside recognised first team men of the calibre of Rimmer, McNaught, Mortimer, Little and Cowans, the future of Aston Villa looks very bright. Especially now young striker Gary Shaw has developed into one of the brightest prospects around.

It would take a brave man to predict otherwise, especially with Saunders now anchored firmly at the helm.

# ASTON VILL



**A**  
BACK ROW (left to right): Ken McNaught, Jimmy Rimmer, Brendan Ormsby, Nigel Spink, Allan Evans, Gary Shelton.  
CENTRE ROW: George Armstrong (former coach), Gordon Cowans, Pat Heard, Des Bremner, Gary Williams, Brian Little, Colin Gibson, Mike Pejic.  
FRONT ROW: Joe Ward, Alex Cropley, Ken Swain, David Geddis, Ron Saunders (manager), Dennis Mortimer, Frank Carrodus (now Wrexham), Gary Shaw.



Despite that sensational F.A. Cup Third Round defeat by non-Leaguers Harlow Town, there is a feeling of optimism running through Leicester City.

You can sense it as soon as you speak to anyone at Filbert Street — from the tea lady right through to the players. Hope for a better future has returned to a club that had been in the wilderness for too long.

The decline started in May, 1977. Manager Jimmy Bloomfield resigned when the directors refused to provide money to buy new players. Frank McLintock, Bloomfield's successor, paid the price for his inexperience in the worst possible way. City were doomed to the

had to start it all over again. City had become accustomed to losing. There was no morale, apathy was evident among the players and the fans, and anxiety had gripped the staff. I think we are slowly winning. It's a good and healthy club now."

Wallace went about this transformation by getting his players mentally and physically fit. He sold his older players and gave his younger ones a chance. The gamble nearly failed.

Men such as Kember, Weller and Webb all left. Into their boots stepped kids barely out of school. But at Leicester boys soon grow into men under Wallace, and they survived. City escaped relegation to



the players' attitude towards Wallace.

Reserve keeper Steve Humphries was injured during a match and had to be taken to hospital. Concussed and with a cut lip, the first question the injured player asked was: "I didn't let Mr. Wallace down, did I?" Such is their respect for the fiery Scottish boss who is bringing about a quiet revolution at Leicester.

During the summer Wallace paid out £200,000 for Alan Young of Oldham. His goals this season make him a real bargain.

It is when talk gets round to Young and Andy Peake that Wallace lights up. What makes them so special?

# Wallace is Working Wonders

Second Division and he quit.

The club needed a manager with courage, passion, ruthlessness and ambition. Jock Wallace arrived.

In the summer of 1978 he left Rangers, the most successful club in Scotland at that time, for reasons that he still refuses to make public. Wallace is a big man who doesn't talk but growls.

"I was out of a job. I liked the men I spoke to. They had the right attitude towards football. I didn't realise what a bad state Leicester were in at that time. In six successful years at Rangers I had built a good club.

"When I arrived at Filbert Street I

bought the Third Division by three points.

Young Andy Peake, so much like Graeme Souness, began pulling the strings in midfield. David Buchanan, 17, became the tormentor of opposing defences and giant centre-half Larry May, 20, fought and won many a battle against the most seasoned of Second Division centre-forwards.

Wallace also bought players from his native Scotland. Bobby Smith arrived from Hibernian; Martin Henderson and Alan Lee, both ex-Rangers men, came from Philadelphia Fury, to name but a few.

Nearly all the players he has

bought have come from North of the border. "Scots have more determination," he explains. "I know their moods and temperaments."

Larry May reflects the players attitude. "We get extremely disappointed if we lose. We don't even like to draw. The team goes out there to win. Every time."

City are currently on course for promotion. Wallace puts this down to a number of factors.

"I've got good, fit and ambitious players and competition for places is intense."

Jack Curtis, City's Youth Liaison Officer, tells a story that typifies

"They've just got it. You can see it when they're playing. That extra something that makes them so special. One day they'll both play for their countries."

"But having said that I also think that Larry May has an international future ahead of him, and so has Irishman, John O'Neill."

In 18 months the team has inherited Wallace's qualities — talent, courage, character, and above all an insatiable urge to win.

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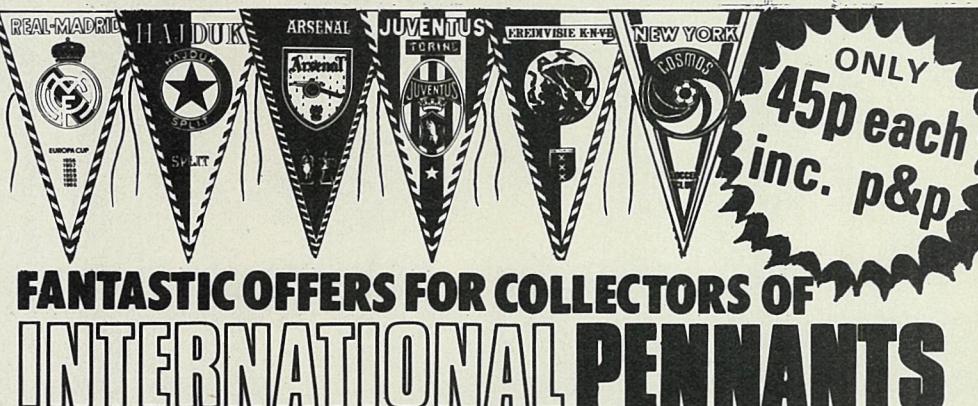
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I.F.C. SAARBRÜCKEN

LEEDS travel to Liverpool this Saturday (February 2) — and for the most experienced player in the Elland Road side, that means a wealth of memories and magical moments from past meetings of the two giants.

Paul Madeley first played at Anfield in a big Liverpool-Leeds clash in the 1965-66 season. Then, St John, Yeats, Thompson and Milne were the Liverpool heroes idolised by the Kop — and Madeley's first appearance was as memorable as his most recent.

"I always look forward to playing at Anfield," says Madeley. "It brings all the enthusiasm and excitement bubbling to the surface. I've played against them every year since 1965 and I'm as keen to play at Anfield in 1980 as I was then.

"The ground is special and the atmosphere is electric. Leeds have had some terrific battles in the past.

"Last season for example. We led 1-0 until a minute or so from the end when they equalised with a harsh penalty. Delving back

further, we beat them 1-0 there in a Fairs Cup match at the end of the 60's. We've won in the Cup, too, but we've also had our setbacks.

"Liverpool are enjoyable to play against. They're hard, strong and always looking to attack. I've never seen them resort to dirty tactics. I can't remember having a nasty, physical match against them. And their fans are as good as the players.

"We clinched the League Championship there in 1968-69 by getting a 0-0 draw. They were the only other side that could have caught us. The reception we received that day was unbelievable. The Liverpool players and fans were more than generous in their applause."

Madeley admits Leeds haven't been as successful at Anfield in recent years. "We've had some tremendous games but I can't deny they've come out on top more than usual in the last few years. Before that, we always did well and I'm sure that was because we reacted to playing in front of their fanatical supporters.

"Liverpool have always had great players prepared to work unselfishly for one another. But I'd say their present squad is the best they've ever had. In the 60's they won the F.A. Cup and also the League, but Liverpool never dominated English football the way the current one has.

If they win the Championship this season, that will be four times in the last five years. That's an unbelievable record and surpasses anything the past sides achieved. Not forgetting their couple of European Cup Final triumphs in 1977 and 1978. There's no doubt Bob Paisley's squad is the greatest they've ever had."

The pressure for any player must surely be immense, when he steps out at Anfield.

"Not so," says Madeley, perhaps rather surprisingly. "Their record takes the pressure off opposing teams. No one is expected to win when they travel to Anfield so the pressure is off immediately.

"The Liverpool lads are on a hiding to nothing because everyone assumes they are

unbeatable and will automatically pick up two points from every League match played there."

Madeley will go through the same routine at Anfield this Saturday, as long as he's selected by Leeds boss Jimmy Adamson.

"I like to go out on to the pitch and taste the atmosphere," he says. "When you come back into your dressing-room to change, you can't wait to get out there and get involved. It's a marvellous feeling."

And if there are two Liverpool players that have impressed Madeley over the years more than any others, who would they be?

"From the old side I'd pick Peter Thompson — and Terry McDermott, from this current team," he says.

"Peter was always a threat. He played consistently well against us and always seemed likely to score.

"Terry McDermott is one of the most accomplished midfield men in the League. I cannot remember any other player who has contributed more to a team with his fine runs and hard work."

## PAUL MADELEY recalls... `Magic moments v. Liverpool'

Terry McDermott (left, challenged by Leeds' Peter Hampton) is one of the most accomplished midfield players in the League, according to Madeley.



# LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS...

## Saturday, December 8

### Irish League

**BALLYMENA UTD (4) 8 (Sloan 3, Malone 3, Tully, Beattie)**

**DISTILLERY (0) 0**

**Ballymena:** White; Beattie, Fox, McCullough, Jackson, McCall, Mullan, Sloan, Malone, Tully, Jess.

**Distillery:** Moore; Ferris, McGreevy, Keatley, White, Shiels, Magee, McAuley, McKirk, Coulter, Fallon.

**BANGOR (1) 1 (Barrett)**

**GLENTORAN (1) 1 (Rab McCreery)**

**Bangor:** Irwin; Feeney, McKimm, Rollins (Dickinson), Harrison, Cummings, Radcliffe, McLaughlin, Barrett, McCoubrey, Duddy.

**Glenoran:** Matthews; McCreery (Rab), Leslie, Walsh, Portér, Gracey, Irvine, McCreery (Ron), Blackledge, Manley (Dickey), Jamison.

**COLERAINE (0) 1 (Platt)**

**CLIFTONVILLE (1) 5 (O'Connor 2, McCurry, McCusker, Holden)**

**Coleraine:** Magee; McDowell (R), McNutt, Beckett, Hutton, McCandless, Foregrave (Healey), McDowell (S), Platt, Dickson, Moffatt.

**Cliftonville:** Johnston; McGuiken, Largey, Flanagan, Quinn, McCurry, McCusker, Bell, Kingon, O'Connor, Holden.

**CRUSADERS (1) 2 (King, Rice)**

**ARDS (0) 0**

**Crusaders:** McDonald; Strain, Gorman, Mulhall, Gillespie, McPolin, Kennedy, Curry, King, McAtee, Rice.

**Ards:** McCarron, Walker, Cromie, Cullen, Gibson, McCoy, Walsh, Martin, Patterson, Mowat (McVicker), Maxwell.

**LINFIELD (1) 2 (McCurdy, Anderson)**

**GLENAVON (0) 1 (Davey)**

**Linfield:** Dunlop; Fraser, Hayes, Jameson, Rafferty, McKeown (Dornan), Garrett, McKee, McCurdy, Feeney, Anderson.

**Glenavon:** McCullough; Davey, Quinn, Sheppard, Stitt, McGuigan, Neill, McDonald, Armstrong, Smith, Higgins.

**PORTRADOWN (2) 3 (Alexander 2, Cleary)**

**LARNE (1) 1 (Thompson)**

**Portadown:** McCollum; Edgar, Donegan, Wilson, Kilburn, Cleary, Gordon, Alexander, Gardiner, Smith, Campbell.

**Larne:** Coburn; Wilson, Cleland, McManus, Carland, L'Estrange, Hardy, Clarke, McAuley, Graham, Thompson.

## Sunday, December 9

### League of Ireland

**DUNDALK (4) 6 (Mick Lawlor 2, Flanagan (pen), Crawley, Devine, Muckian)**

**UCD (0) 0**

**Dundalk:** Blackmore; McConville, Lawlor (Martin), Keely, Dunning, Flanagan, Byrne (Muckian), Devine, Lawlor (Mick), Crawley (McKenna), Daly.

**UCD:** McCabe; Cowhie, Fox, Deeney, Doyle, McGovern, Cassidy, Scully, Drury, Dignam, Moran.

**FINN HARPS (0) 2 (McGroarty, McCool)**

**CORK UNITED (0) 0**

**Finn Harps:** McDermott; Ferry (M), (Ferry (C)), Monagle, McDowell, Sheridan, Duffy, Logan, McCool, Collins (McLoughlin), Minnock, McGroarty.

**Cork Utd:** Lennox; Nodwell, Lane (R), O'Donovan, Brohan, Keane, Punch, McCarthy (Mory), Madden, Finnegan, Lane (J).

**GALWAY ROVERS (1) 1 (Cassidy)**

**BOHEMIANS (0) 1 (Burke)**

**Galway Rovers:** Lally; Herrick, Sheehan (Murphy (Tony)), Murphy (Tom), McDaid, Nolan, Cooke, Mannion, Collins, Cassidy, Gaynor.

**Bohemians:** Davis; Gregg, Nolan, Burke, Brady, Kelly, McCormack, Whelan (O'Riordan), Joyce (Lawless), Byrne, Cowhie.

**LIMERICK UTD (0) 0**  
**ATHLONE TOWN (0) 0**

**Limerick Utd:** Fitzpatrick; Ryan, Fitzgerald, O'Mahoney, Storan, Hand, Nolan, Morris, Kennedy, Walsh, Duggan (Matthews).

**Athlone Town:** Smyth; Feniuk, Smith, Shelley (Davis), Whelan, Fullam, O'Connor, Salmon, Wyse, Clarke, Devlin.



Nottingham Forest's Ian Bowyer (dark shirt) shoots wide in the League Cup against West Ham.

**ST PATRICK'S ATH (1) 4 (Jameson 2, Kirwan, Browning)**

**SLIGO ROVERS (3) 5 (Fielding, McLoughlin, Sheridan, Fagan, Bradley)**

**St Pat's Ath:** O'Brien; Higgins, Daly, Doyle, Murphy, Malone, Wright, Browning, Jameson, Carthy (Magee), Kirwan.

**Sligo Rovers:** Patterson; Fielding, O'Doherty (D), Sheridan, Rutherford, O'Doherty (G), Fagan, Patton, McLoughlin, Bradley, Hulmes.

**SHAMROCK ROVERS (1) 3 (Campbell 2, Buckley)**

**HOME FARM (0) 0**

**Shamrock Rovers:** O'Neill; Mulligan (Kenny), Synnott, O'Leary, Burke, Gannon, Gaffney, Treacy (Bayly), Byrne, Campbell, Buckley.

**Home Farm:** Finnerty; Maher, Kelly, Breslin, Brady (Cervi), Williams, Neville, King, O'Neill (Thomas), Craig, McCluskey.

**SHELBOURNE (0) 1 (Nugent)**

**DROGHEDA UTD (2) 4 (Martin 2, Clarke, Ferguson)**

**Shelbourne:** Delahunt; Carney, Boyle (Ryan), Moody, Last, McMahon, Nugent, Cleary, Dela- mire, Dillon, O'Neill.

**Drogheda Utd:** Forrestal; Campbell (Haughey), Flanagan, Martin, Ferguson, Freeney, Byrne, Doran, Leech, Clarke, Carthy.

**WATERFORD (0) 2 (Murray, Keane)**

**THURLES TOWN (1) 2 (Steedman 2 (1 pen))**

**Waterford:** Thomas; Hall, Gardiner, Finucane, Carey, Jackson, Murray, Madigan, Kirk, McCarthy, Coady (Keane).

**Thurles Town:** Dunne; Doran, McQuaid, O'Brien, Tierney, Heffernan, Conway, Lawson, Steedman, Sheehy, Jenkins.

## Tuesday, December 11

### League Cup (Fifth Round replays)

**SWINDON (2) 4 (Walford o.g., Mayes, Hollins o.g., Rowland)**

**ARSENAL (0) 3 (Brady 2, Talbot) a.e.t.**

21,795

**Swindon:** Allan; Lewis, Ford, McHale, Carter, Stroud, Miller, Kamara, Rowland, Mayes (Tucker), Williams.

**Arsenal:** Jennings; Devine, Walford, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Hollins, Rix.

**WOLVES (1) 1 (Gray)**  
**GRIMSBY (0) 1 (Palmer o.g.) a.e.t.**

28,455

**Wolves:** Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, Hughes (Brazier), Berry, Hibbitt, Carr, Gray, Richards, Thomas.

**Grimsby:** Batch; Stone, Moore (K), Waters, Wigington, Crombie, Ford, Liddell, Drinkell, Mitchell, Brolly.

**LEEDS (2) 3 (Connor, Graham, Hamson)**  
**WOLVES (0) 0**

21,227

**Leeds:** Lukic; Cherry, Stevenson, Hamson, Hart, Greenhoff, Gray, Hird, Connor, Curtis, Graham.

**Wolves:** Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, Brazier, Berry, Hibbitt, Carr, Gray, Clarke, Eves.

**LIVERPOOL (1) 3 (Case, Dalglish, McDermott)**  
**C. PALACE (0) 0**

42,898

**Liverpool:** Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.

**C. Palace:** Burridge, Hinshelwood, Sansom, Nicholas, Cannon, Gilbert, Murphy, Francis, Walsh, Swindlehurst, Hilaire.

**MAN. CITY (1) 3 (Robinson, Henry, Webb o.g.)**

**DERBY (0) 0**

27,664

**Man. City:** Corrigan; Ranson, Donachie, Bennett, Caton, Booth, Henry, Daley, Robinson, Shinton, Power.

**Derby:** McKellar; Langan, Buckley, Daly, Webb, Osgood, Emery, Powell, Duncan, Davies (Emson), Riach.

**NORWICH (1) 2 (Taylor, Robson)**

**BRISTOL C (0) 0**

12,473

**Norwich:** Keelan; Bond, Downs, Ryan, Brown, Jones, Mendham (Lythgoe), Taylor, Robson, Paddon, Peters.

**Bristol C:** Shaw; Sweeney, Whitehead, Gow, Rodgers (Cormack), Merrick, Fitzpatrick, Taitton, Royle, Ritchie, Garland.

**SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Boyer)**

**EVERTON (0) 0**

19,850

**Southampton:** Wells; Golac, Peach, Williams, Watson, Nicholl, Ball, Boyer, Channon, Holmes, Heberd.

**Everton:** Hodge; Gidman, Bailey, Ross, Higgins, Wright, Hartford, Stanley, Latchford (Eastoe), Varadi, King.

**TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Ardiles)**

**ASTON VILLA (1) 2 (Geddis, Cowans pen)**

30,555

**Tottenham:** Daines; Hughton, Miller, Pratt, Smith, Perryman, Ardiles, Jones, Lee, Hoddle, Villa.

**Aston Villa:** Rimmer; Swain, Gibson, Ormsby, McNaught, Bullivant, Bremner, Little, Geddis (Deacy), Cowans, Shaw.

**W.B.A. (2) 2 (Robson, Trewick)**

**ARSENAL (2) 2 (Nelson, Stapleton)**

18,280

**W.B.A.:** Godden; Batson, Pendrey, Mills, Wile, Bennett, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Trewick, Barnes.

**Arsenal:** Jennings; Devine, Nelson, Talbot, O'Leary, Walford, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Hollins, Rix.

## Scottish League Cup Final (replay)

**ABERDEEN (0) 0**

**DUNDEE UTD (1) 3 (Pettigrew 2, Sturrock) (at Dens Park, Dundee)**

28,939

**Aberdeen:** Clark; Kennedy, Rougvie, McLeish, Garner, Miller, Strachan, Archibald, McGhee (Jarvie), McMaster, Scanlon (Hamilton).

**Dundee Utd:** McAlpine; Stark, Kopel, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Sturrock, Pettigrew, Holt, Kirkwood.

## Saturday, December 15

### First Division

**BOLTON (0) 0**

**IPSWICH (1) 1 (Brazil)**

10,929

**Bolton:** McDonagh; Nicholson, Burke, Greaves, Jones, Walsh, Morgan (Carter), Whatmore, Gowling, Cantello, Thompson.

**Ipswich:** Cooper; Burley, Butcher, Thijssen, Hunter, Osman, Wark, Brazil, Mariner, Gates, Mills.

**BRIGHTON (0) 0**

**STOKE (0) 0**

18,392

**Brighton:** Moseley; Gregory, Williams, Horton, Foster, Sudaby, Ryan, Ward, Clarke, Lawrence, O'Sullivan (Stevens).

**Stoke:** Jones; Evans, Johnson (P), Johnson (P A), Dodd, Doyle, Heath, Richardson, O'Calaghan, Crooks, Randall.

**COVENTRY (0) 1 (Ferguson)**

**MAN. UTD (0) 2 (McQueen, Macari)**

25,563

**Coventry:** Sealey; Coop (Whitton), McDonald, Gooding, Holton, Gillespie, Hutchison, Wallace, Ferguson, Blair, Hunt.

**Man. Utd:** Bailey; Nicholl, Houston, McIlroy, McQueen, Buchan, Coppel, Wilkins, Jordan, Macari, Thomas.

### Second Division

**BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 (Worthington 2)**

**BURNLEY (0) 0**

13,997

**Birmingham:** Wealands; Broadhurst, Dennis, Gemmill (Curbishley), Gallagher, Todd, Lynex, Worthington, Bertschin, Dillon, Johnston.

**Burnley:** Stevenson; Arins, Brennan, Burke, Overton (V), Rodaway, James, Dobson, Hamilton, Young, Overton (R).

**BRISTOL R (1) 2 (Barrowclough 2, 1 pen)**

**OLDHAM (0) 0**

4,596

**Bristol R:** Thomas; Bater, Williams, Mabbott, Taylor, Aitken, Barrowclough, Emmanuel, White, Dennehy, Pulis.

**Oldham:** McDonnell; Wood, Holt, Kowenick, Clements, Hurst, Valentine, Halom, Steel, Stainrod, Atkinson (Jordan).

**CAMBRIDGE (3) 4 (Biley 3 (2 pens), Reilly)**

**FULHAM (0) 0**

4,778

**Cambridge:** Webster; Stringer, Smith, Calderwood, Fallon, O'Neill, Biley, Spriggs, Reilly, Gibbons, Murray.

**Fulham:** Peyton; Peters, Strong, Money, Hatter, Gale, Greenaway, Beck, Guthrie, Lock, Davies.

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**CARDIFF (0) 0**  
**PRESTON (1) 2 (Bruce 2)** 6,419  
**Cardiff:** Grotier; Jones (Buchanan), Sullivan, Campbell, Pontin, Thomas, Bishop, Moore, Stevens, Ronson, Hughes.  
**Preston:** Tunks; Taylor, Wilson, Burns, Baxter, O'Riordan, Bell, Haslegrave, Elliott, Coleman, Bruce.

**CHARLTON (1) 2 (Hales, Berry)**  
**LEICESTER (0) 0** 6,717  
**Charlton:** Wood; Hazell, Shaw, Tydeman, Berry, Madden, Powell, Jacobsen, Hales, Walker, Gritt.  
**Leicester:** Wallington; Williams, Rose, Peake, May, O'Neill, Lineker, Henderson, Young, Kelly, Smith.

**CHELSEA (1) 3 (Bumstead, Langley, Johnson)**  
**SWANSEA (0) 0** 18,065  
**Chelsea:** Borota; Locke, Sparrow, Bumstead, Pates, Chivers, Britton, Fillery, Langley, Walker (Johnson), Harris.  
**Swansea:** Letheran; Giles, Rushbury, Charles, Phillips, Stevenson (Loveridge), Mahoney, Attley, James, Waddle, Callaghan.

**NEWCASTLE (1) 4 (Shoulder, Withe 2, Cassidy)**  
**Q.P.R. (2) 2 (Goddard, Roeder)** 24,986  
**Newcastle:** Hardwick; Brownlie, Davies, Cassidy, Barton, Boam, Shoulder, Cartwright (Connolly), Withe, Rafferty, Hibbit.  
**Q.P.R.:** Woods; Shanks, Gillard, McCreery, Hazell, Wicks, Goddard, Roeder, Allen, Currie (Busby), Hill.

**ORIENT (1) 1 (Jennings)**  
**NOTTS CO (0) 0** 4,115  
**Orient:** Day; Fisher, Roffey, Taylor, Gray, Moores, Chiedozie (Margesson), Hughton, Mayo, Jennings, Coates.  
**Notts Co:** Avramovic; Richards, O'Brien, Hunt, Benjamin, Blockley, McCulloch, Masson, Hooks, Beavon, Mair (Christie).

**SHREWSBURY (0) 3 (Maguire, Atkins, Chapman)**  
**WEST HAM (0) 0** 8,513  
**Shrewsbury:** Mulhearn; King, Larkin, Lindsay, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Atkins, Chapman, Dungworth, Maguire.  
**West Ham:** Parkes; Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Pike, Allen, Pearson, Cross, Brooking, Neighbour.

**WATFORD (0) 1 (Booth)**  
**SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Dunn)** 13,965  
**Watford:** Steele; Henderson, Harrison, Booth, Bolton, Garner, Downes, Blissett, Mercer, Train, Rostron.  
**Sunderland:** Turner; Whitworth, Bolton, Clarke, Elliott, Buckley (Dunn), Arnott, Cummins, Brown, Robson, Marangoni.

**WREXHAM (1) 3 (McNeill, Fox, Edwards)**  
**LUTON (0) 1 (Hatton)** 9,145

**Wrexham:** Davies; Darracott, Dwyer, Davis (Sutton), Jones, Fox, Vinter, Carrodus, Edwards, McNeil, Cartwright.  
**Luton:** Findlay; Stephens, Donaghy, Greash, Saxby (Aizlewood), Price, Hill, West, Stein, Hatton, Moss.

## Third Division

**BRENTFORD (0) 1 (Salman)**  
**OXFORD (0) 1 (Foley)** 7,590  
**Brentford:** Porter; Shrub, Tucker, McNichol, Kruse, Fraser (Salman), Carlton, Fear, Booker, Glover, Phillips.  
**Oxford:** Brown; Doyle, McIntosh, Briggs, Cooke, Jeffrey, Taylor, Duncan, Foley (Graydon), Berry, Hodgson.

## Fourth Division

**NEWPORT (0) 2 (Walden, Bruton D)**  
**SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Stewart)** 4,158  
**Newport:** Dowler; Walden, Relish, Bruton (D), Oakes, Bailey, Vaughan, Lowndes, Warriner, Tynan, Aldridge.  
**Scunthorpe:** Gordon; Davy, Peacock, Deere, Dall, Oates, Cowling (Kavanagh), Cammack, Pilling, Partridge, Stewart.

## F.A. Cup (Second Round)

**BURY (0) 0**  
**YORK (0) 0** 4,195  
**Bury:** Forrest; Ritson, Halford, Whitehead, Howard, Lugg (Madden), Wilson, McIlwraith (Johnson), Mullen, Hilton.  
**York:** Neenan; Kay, Harrison, Ford, Clements, James, Randall, Lorimer, Loggie, McDonald, Wellings.

**CARLISLE (2) 3 (Staniforth, Beardsley, Ludlam)**  
**SHEFF. WED (0) 0** 7,823  
**Carlisle:** Swinburne; Hoolickin, Winstanley, McDonald, Beardsley, Parker, McVitie (McAuley), Ludlam, Bannon, Hamilton, Staniforth.  
**Sheff. Wed:** Bolder; Blackhall, Grant, Pickering, Smith, Mullen (Sterland), Wylde, Johnson, Mellor, King, Curran.

**COLCHESTER (1) 1 (Rowles)**  
**BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0** 3,693  
**Colchester:** Walker; Cook, Packer, Leslie, Wigfall, Dowman, Hodge, Rowles, Foley (Wright), Lee, Allinson.  
**Bournemouth:** Allen; Cunningham, Ferns, Impey, Townsend, Chambers, Holder, MacDougall, Butler, Evanson, Miller.

**CROYDON (1) 1 (Ward R.) (at Crystal Palace)**  
**MILLWALL (1) 1 (Chatterton)** 9,809  
**Croydon:** Cobb; Constable, Grose, Ward (A), Shinners, Walker, Prime, Jackson, Sales, Ward (R), Sunnucks.  
**Millwall:** Jackson; Donaldson, Kitchener, Chatterton, Blyth, Tagg, Towner, Seasman, Mitchell, Lyons (O'Callaghan), Mehmet.

**DARLINGTON (0) 0**  
**BRADFORD C (1) 1 (Baines)** 4,543  
**Darlington:** Owers; Nattress, Cochrane, Ball, Craig, Smith, McLean, Charlton, Stalker, Taylor, Walsh.  
**Bradford C:** Smith; Podd, Watson, Wood, Baines, Cooper, Martinez, Dolan, Staniforth, McNiven, Hutchins.

**DONCASTER (1) 1 (Nimmo)**  
**MANSFIELD (1) 2 (Curtis, Austin)** 7,952  
**Doncaster:** Peacock; Russell, Shodin, Lister, Lally, Bradley, Packer, Nimmo, Warboys, Flanagan, Pugh.  
**Mansfield:** Arnold; Dawkins, Wood, Curtis, Bird, McClelland, Lathan, Taylor, Austin, Thompson, Mann.

**GRIMSBY (2) 2 (Crombie, Waters)**  
**SHEFF. UTD. (0) 0** 14,849  
**Grimsby:** Batch; Stone, Moore (K), Waters, Wigginton, Crombie, Broily, Ford, Drinkell (Liddell), Kilmore, Mitchell.  
**Sheff. Utd:** Ramsbottom, Cutbush, Speight, Kenworthy, McPhail, Matthews, de Goey, Garner, Bourne, Buttin, Sabella.

**HEREFORD (1) 1 (McGrellis)**  
**ALDERSHOT (1) 2 (Marshall o.g., Needham)** 4,051  
**Hereford:** Hughes; Price, Burrows, Marshall, Layton, Feeley, Cunningham, Spiring, McGrellis (Birchenall), Jones, White.  
**Aldershot:** Johnson, Scott, Wooler, Dixon, Bennett, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, French, Needham, McGregor (Green).

**READING (2) 3 (Bowman pen, Sanchez, Heale)**  
**BARKING (0) 1 (Dingwall)** 5,451  
**Reading:** Death; Hetzke, White, Bowman, Kearney, Moreline, Earles, Kearns, Heale, Sanchez, Joslyn.  
**Barking:** Blake; Barrett, Makin, Arber, Waite, Ironton, Ballard, Brothers (Key), Burton, Dingwall, Ashford.

*Reading's Steve Hetzke (hoops) tackles Tony Brothers of Barking.*

**ROTHERHAM (0) 0**  
**ALTRINCHAM (0) 2 (Bailey, Howard)** 6,083  
**Rotherham:** Mountford; Forrest, Breckin, Stancliffe, Green, Rhodes, Nix, Fern, Dawson, McEwan, Finney.  
**Altrincham:** Stepney; Allan, Davidson, Howard, Owens, Bailey, Barrow, King, Whitbread, Heathcote (Wilson), Johnson.

**SOUTHEND (1) 1 (Parker)**  
**HARLOW (0) 1 (Prosser)** 5,011  
**Southend:** Cawston; Dudley, Hull, Stead, Moody, Hadley, Morris, Pountney (Nelson), Parker, Orlakowski, Tuohy.  
**Harlow:** Kitson; Wickenden, Adnams, Flack, Clarke, Gough, Mackenzie, Mann, Prosser, Twigg, Griffiths.

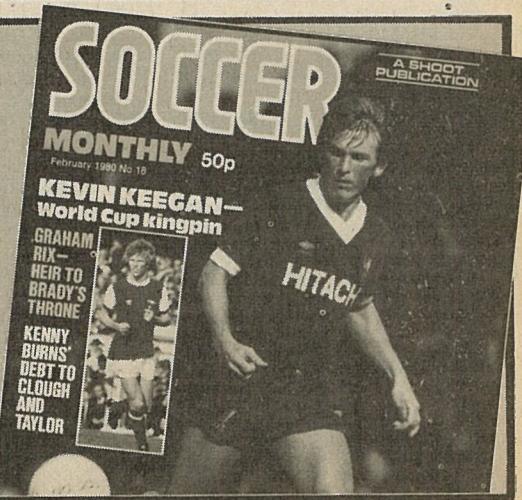
**TRANMERE (0) 2 (Evans, Peplow)**  
**ROCHDALE (1) 2 (Hilditch 2)** 2,529  
**Tranmere:** Johnson; Mathias, Flood (Craven), Bramhall, Edwards, Evans, O'Neil, Mungall, Lumby, Beamish, Peplow.  
**Rochdale:** Watson; Bannon, Snookes, Weir, Waldron, Taylor, Esser, Hart, Seal, Hilditch, Wann.

**WALSALL (0) 1 (Buckley pen)**  
**HALIFAX (0) 1 (Kennedy)** 4,651  
**Walsall:** Green; Macken, Mower, Sbragia, Serella, Paul, Penn, Waddington, McDonough (Williams), Buckley, Caswell.  
**Halifax:** Kilner; Dunleavy, Hutt, Evans, Harris, Hendrie, Firth, Kennedy, Burke, Smith, Stafford, Feely.

**YEOVIL (0) 1 (Williams)**  
**SLOUGH (0) 0** 4,362  
**Yeovil:** Parker; Battams, Payne, Jones, Harmison, Broom, Morrell, Williams, Green, Finnigan, Housley.  
**Slough:** Teale; Turl, Beyer, Reardon, Young, Wharton, Russell, Gaine, Lee, Friend (Kiely), Feely.

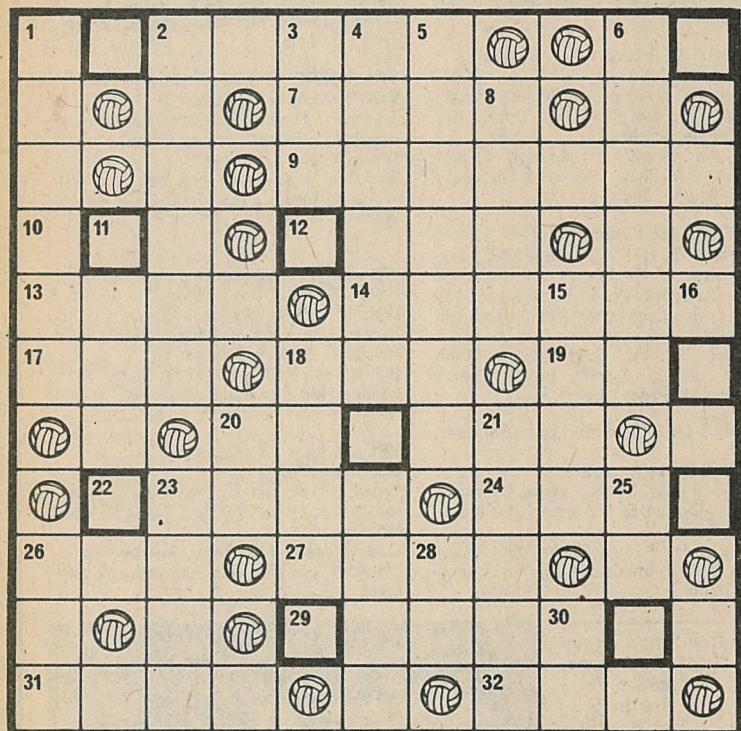


- The February issue of Soccer Monthly is not to be missed.
- Who are England's 'Shadow Men'?
- What impact did the Manchester United fans make on Dave Sexton?
- Why has Phil Boyer emerged a more dangerous striker on his own?
- Where will Kevin Keegan continue his career?
- Who is Liam Brady's successor at Highbury?
- What does the future hold in store for Derby County?
- To whom is Kenny Burns indebted, and why?
- What are the secrets of Anfield? Kenny Dalglish reveals a few.
- What happened when Pele and Cesar Menotti met for a 'Champion' chat?
- Polish football is in trouble. Why?
- The answers to these questions will be given in the February issue. DON'T MISS IT.



# Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Manchester United midfield player. Answers on page 42.



## ACROSS:—

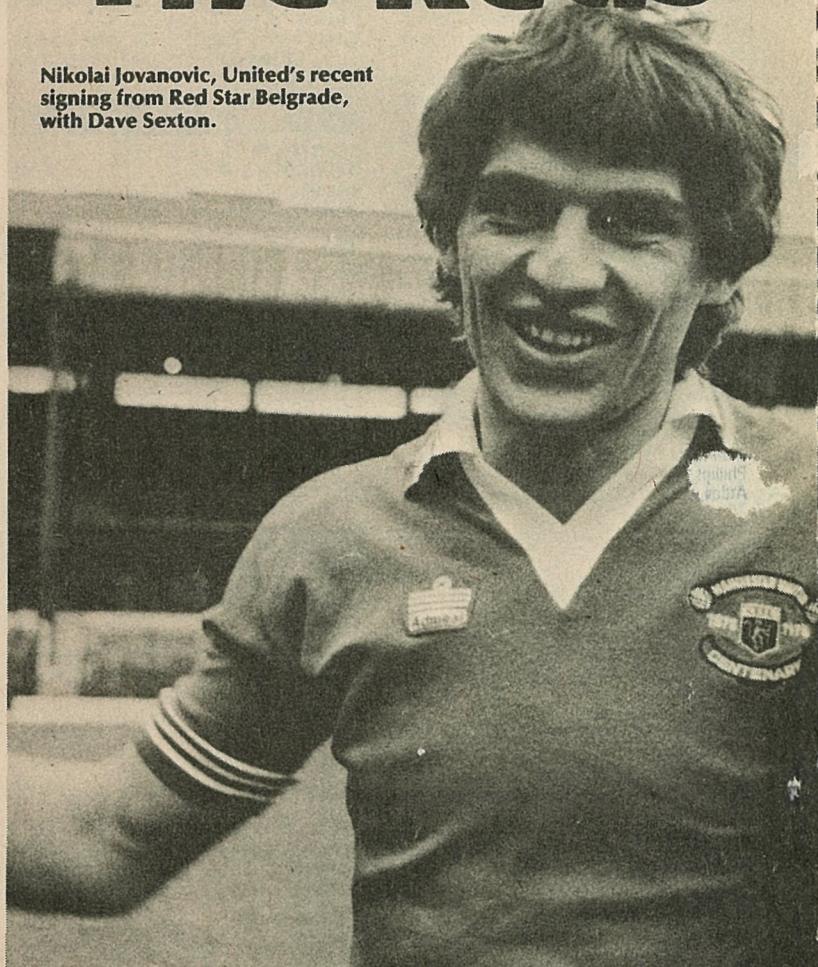
- Relegated from the First Division last season.
- Graeme —ness of Liverpool.
- Steve —, Coventry City striker.
- Team from Highbury Stadium.
- Stenho---muir, Scottish Second Division club.
- ead---bank Thi---le are the newest League team in Scotland.
- Tony —, Fulham defender.
- Martin —, Norwich City midfield player.
- Partick T---le from Firhill Park.
- Mot---well; Scottish Division One club.
- Request.
- Drinks to the health or honour of.
- The Haw---s. West Bromwich Albion's ground.
- Ham-l-i-on Acad---icals (Scots Div One).
- Hartford of Everton.
- Mark left by a wound.
- European Footballer of the Year, 1965.
- Grzegorz — Polish World Cup star.
- Luther Blis---t, Watford striker.

## DOWN:—

- Brian —, well-known First Division manager.
- Ejects . . . as from school.
- Johnny Giles is manager of ---rock Rovers.
- Nottingham Forest are the current holders of it. (8 & 3)
- Replies.
- You might have to go up them to the stand.
- Trial or examination.
- , nickname of Southampton.
- Bristol Rovers play at ---ville.
- Travel low over the ground.
- wsbury T-wn. Animal from the missing letters.
- Lu---n Town from Kenilworth Road.
- Becomes weary or fatigued.
- Come to a stop.
- eter C---y are known as The Grecians.
- Malcolm ---ison, manager of Manchester City.
- Bristol City play at --hton Gate.
- Dave ---nett of Manchester City.

# 'The Reds'

Nikolai Jovanovic, United's recent signing from Red Star Belgrade, with Dave Sexton.



**S**COTLAND received some disappointing news recently — our proposed tour to South America this summer has been cancelled.

Argentina decided they couldn't arrange a game after all, so our other intended opponents Brazil and Uruguay were forced to pull out as well.

Apparently the trip was conditional that Scotland played all three countries.

What a pity. This tour would have provided Jock Stein, striving to build a squad capable of reaching the 1982 World Cup Finals, invaluable experience.

At least away matches against Poland and Hungary in May will help Scotland's preparation for the qualifying ties which kick-off next season.

Before our European Championship match against Belgium at Hampden Park in December, I said I thought Jock Stein would probably experiment, bring in new faces. We were already out of the tournament and the result was therefore academic.

But because of injuries and withdrawals Mr Stein was forced to play too many inexperienced youngsters. As a result Scotland were humiliated and lost 3-1.

That defeat will do nothing to

encourage the fans to come out in the cold and support us in their tens of thousands when we meet Portugal in our last European Championship match next Wednesday (February 6th).

In fact, I'm afraid Scotland could well be watched by their lowest crowd for years.

You can't blame the public North of the border. Scotland haven't really given them much to cheer since qualifying for the 1978 World Cup Finals.

Apart from playing for pride, this is not a match you can attack anything to. But at least it's another opportunity for Jock Stein to bring in some of our youngsters and try to establish a blend with our more experienced internationals.

At the moment I've no idea if I'll be in the team. The manager may well bring in Crystal Palace defender Jim Cannon for me or Kenny Burns, who is suspended anyway.

Maybe the game will throw up a new player for the future — such as Celtic winger Davie Provan.

He came on as substitute against Belgium and did ever so well. A good winger could benefit Scotland no end.

Although they've only been beaten three times in the past three years, Portugal are struggling at the

# star recruit'



MY SOCCER  
WORLD

**Gordon  
McQueen**

SHOOT, United only had themselves to blame for our first home defeat of the season. We'd done all the hard work drawing 1-1 at White Hart Lane.

Obviously all the lads and manager Dave Sexton were bitterly disappointed, not only for losing, but for the way we lost.

United just did not compete . . . stopped playing football . . . and failed to take advantage of Glenn Hoddle's appearance in goal for the injured Milija Alekic.

Mind you, his injury, caused in that collision with Joe Jordan, inspired Spurs. They had nothing to lose by having a go at us.

As you know Alekic's injury was a complete accident and no blame was put on Joe. He hurt his leg badly in the incident and was practically ineffective for the rest of the match.

Defeat in the F.A. Cup was a new and bitter experience for United after reaching Wembley three times in the past four years.

Mind you, I must take a fair share of the blame for not winning. I missed a good chance of putting United ahead following a Ray Wilkins free-kick. Another header hit the bar with Hoddle beaten.

Still, good luck to Spurs. They deserved victory thanks to that extra-time goal by Ossie Ardiles.

The little Argentinian has been a tremendous success at Tottenham. I

Other clubs also made offers to Red Star Belgrade, Manchester City and Bayern Munich among them, but Nikolai rejected their bids because he was so keen to come to Old Trafford.

He started full-time training with United on Monday 14th January and looked impressive.

Nikki, hope he doesn't mind me shortening his name, can play anywhere in the back-four, but he prefers right-back or centre-half, from which positions he's been a regular goalscorer for Red Star.

At the moment he speaks no English, but understands enough to get by.

The lads are in the process of teaching Nikki some important on-the-park phrases such as "leave it — my ball" and "your man".

Nikki is staying in an hotel at the moment until he finds his feet . . . which shouldn't be too long.

He knew all the pitfalls before coming over but is determined to settle down with the club he set his heart on playing for.

I believe United paid around £300,000, which is a bargain for a player with his pedigree.

Where in Britain would you find an established international defender with Nikki's class for that amount?

A couple of months ago United were considering signing another international, the Iran 'keeper Nasser Hejazi, the guy who played against Scotland in the World Cup in Argentina.

He trained at Old Trafford for a while but I believe is now back in trouble-torn Iran.

## Agents

But how do clubs get to hear about these foreign players in the first place?

Well, there are many agents abroad who continually write to big clubs such as United, Manchester City, Arsenal and Liverpool, saying they have various international players on their books interested in coming to England.

They put down all the necessary credentials and possible fee.

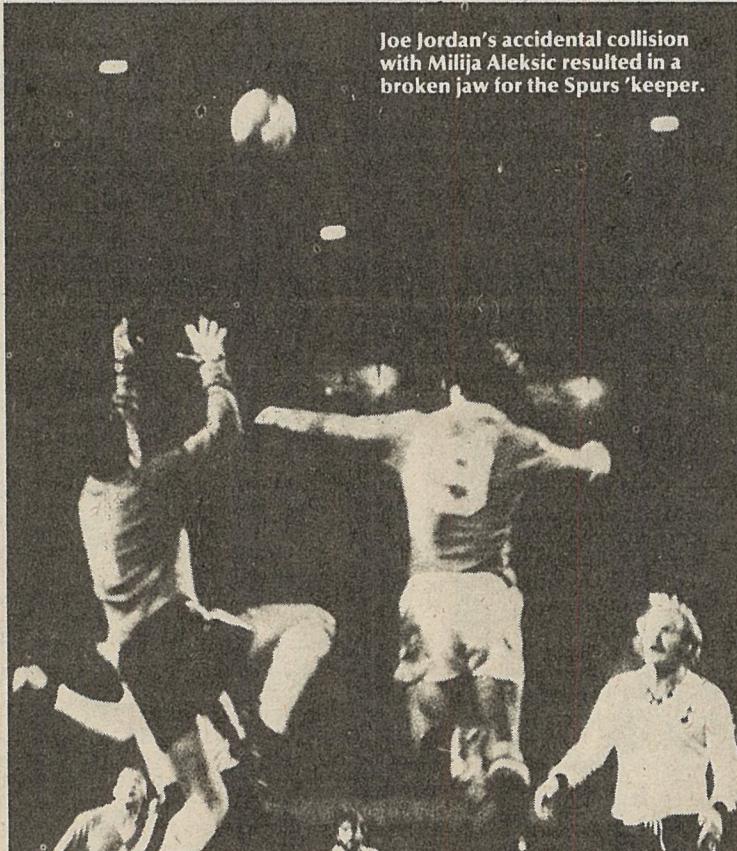
If clubs are interested they will have the player watched. A good performance could well spark off further interest and a possible approach.

Now, just enough space for me to mention Saturday's (February 2nd) match at Derby County.

The Rams are unrecognisable from the side challenging for honours a couple of years ago. At the moment they are struggling for First Division survival.

Teams in Derby's situation can put up a brave fight, so I'm not expecting it to be easy at the Baseball Ground.

Cheerio for now . . .



moment.

They are out of the European Championship and this tie at Hampden will be just as meaningless for them as it is for Scotland, who have to play them again in the World Cup qualifying games.

The Portuguese play good possession football and have added speed to their traditional ball skills.

They're by no means the flamboyant attacking side they were in the days of Eusebio and don't score freely.

In fact, Nené, a fast, dangerous winger, is their top scorer with just eight goals in the last five seasons!

I remember Nené when he helped Portugal beat Scotland in Lisbon in November, 1978.

Midfield player Alves also impressed me. He always wears black gloves no matter the weather. His father, a former Portuguese star, wore them and passed them on to his son. A sort of "handout".

Alves definitely won't be playing against Scotland this time. He is recovering from a broken leg sustained playing for Paris St Germaine in France.

Manager Mario Wilson's team might not score many goals, but they don't give many away either.

But even so, Scotland should be good enough to record our first

home win since beating Northern Ireland last May.

Manchester United hardly raised their prestige recently when Tottenham knocked us out of the F.A. Cup in our Third Round replay at Old Trafford.

As Ray Wilkins said in last week's

hope United's first foreign import Nikolai Jovanovic makes the same impact on the game in England.

I know Dave Sexton was delighted when he finally captured the 27-year-old Yugoslavian international defender after chasing him for three months.

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Ipswich v. Arsenal

## 1978 LEAGUE CUP FINAL

Nottingham Forest v. Liverpool

## 1977 EUROPEAN CUP FINAL

Liverpool v. Borussia MGB

## 1977 BATTLE OF THE GIANTS

Manchester Utd v. Liverpool

## 1977 LEAGUE CUP FINAL

Villa's Hat-trick.

## 1976 UEFA CUP

Liverpool v. Bruges

## 1976 FA CUP FINAL

Super Saints!

## 1976 LEAGUE CUP FINAL

Man. City v. Newcastle

## 1976 KINGS OF SCOTLAND

Rangers v. Hearts

## 1975 F.A. CUP FINAL

Hail To The Hammers!

## 1975 LEAGUE CUP FINAL

Viva The Villa!

## 1974 F.A. CUP FINAL

Liverpool's Cup

## 1974 LEAGUE CUP FINAL

Wonderful Wolves!

## 1973 F.A. CUP FINAL

Sunderland's Cup

## 1973 LEAGUE CUP FINAL

Spurs v. Norwich

## 1972 F.A. CUP FINAL

Leeds v. Arsenal

## 1972 LEAGUE CUP FINAL

Salute to Stoke!

## 1971 F.A. CUP FINAL

Arsenal v. Liverpool

## 1971 EURO CUP WINNERS

Chelsea v. R. Madrid

## 1971 LEAGUE CUP FINAL

Spurs v. Aston Villa

## 1970 F.A. CUP FINAL

Chelsea's Cup

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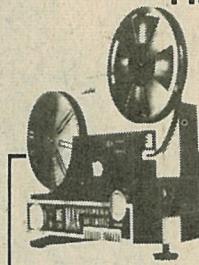
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|                                     |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| 1976 Czechoslovakia 7, W. Germany 5 | 400ft |
| Also b/w & col SOUND                | 400ft |

## LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

|                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| 1968 Newcastle 3, Man. City 4 | 200ft |
|-------------------------------|-------|

## INTERNATIONALS

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 1977 Scotland 2, England 1    | 400ft       |
| Also 400ft col SOUND          |             |
| 1977 England 2, Italy 0       | 200ft       |
| Also 200ft col SOUND          |             |
| 1977 England 0, Holland 2     | 200ft/400ft |
| Also 200ft/400ft col SOUND    |             |
| 1976 Scotland 2, England 1    | 200ft/400ft |
| Also 400ft b/w & colour SOUND |             |
| 1975 England 5, Scotland 1    | 200ft       |
| Also 400ft b/w SOUND          |             |
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| *SIX-GOAL HURST             | 50ft  |
| SIX-GOAL BEST               | 50ft  |

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|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| 1976 Rangers 3, Hearts 1  | 200ft/400ft |
| Also 400ft B/W SOUND      |             |
| *1973 Rangers 3, Celtic 2 | 200ft       |
| *1972 Celtic 6, Hibs 1    | 100ft       |

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**West Germany**  
**Greece**  
**Holland**

Rome, June 11:  
**Czechoslovakia v W. Germany.**  
Naples, June 11:  
**Greece v Holland.**  
Rome, June 14:  
**Czechoslovakia v Greece.**  
Naples, June 14:  
**W. Germany v Holland.**  
Milan, June 17:  
**Czechoslovakia v Holland.**  
Turin, June 17:  
**W. Germany v Greece.**

Naples, June 21: Third place play-off.  
Rome, June 22: FINAL.

## GROUP 2

**Spain**  
**Italy**  
**Belgium**  
**England**

Milan, June 12:  
**Spain v Italy.**  
Turin, June 12:  
**Belgium v England.**  
Milan, June 15:  
**Spain v Belgium.**  
Turin, June 15:  
**Italy v England.**  
Naples, June 18:  
**Spain v England.**  
Rome, June 18:  
**Italy v Belgium.**

● The winner of each group meets in the Final; the runners-up in the third place play-off.



**EUROPEAN  
CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Italy**  
**Painting**

# good for England

DESPITE the initial disappointment at being grouped with hosts and favourites Italy, England could have a better chance of reaching the Final because of the draw. Host nations rarely lose Finals, but the past two World Cups prove that if anyone is going to overcome them, it's in the earlier games.

If Italy reach the Final they will be very difficult to beat. They'll still be hard to beat in the Group ties — although if England are to succeed, it will surely be in the 'preliminaries'.

As our tables show, Italy don't lose very often at home — once a decade! A disturbing thought, however, is the controversy that has so often surrounded the Italians. *The Sunday Times* has been running a series on the Poland/Italy World Cup-tie in Stuttgart in 1974, where it is alleged the Italians tried to bribe the Poles to let them equalise and therefore qualify for the later stages.

Leeds United lost the 1973 Cup-Winners' Cup to AC Milan in Greece and there were stories that the Greek referee had been 'got at'. Certainly his performance was hardly the last word in neutrality.

Derby lost a European Cup-tie in Turin to Juventus and Brian Clough, to this day, swears something fishy was going on when Juve's Helmut Haller was seen chatting to the referee at half-time.

There are other tales; opponents get nothing, absolutely nothing, in Italy.

Still, the Italian manager, Enzo Bearzot, is a fair and honest man,

embarrassed by the past and eager to see any tricksters brought to justice. Signor Bearzot also has a high regard for Ron Greenwood's England.

"I would rather have played Holland or West Germany," he admitted after the draw. "I hoped we would meet England in the Final. If it's a consolation, we shall probably play the most spectacular game of all as we both place the emphasis on attack."

Of course, nearly everyone is assuming either England or Italy will meet Holland or West Germany in the Finals. It may not work out like that. Czechoslovakia, current European Champions, have the skill and experience to make their presence felt, while the Belgians may surprise.

The permutations are fascinating. We could have a repeat of the 1966 World Cup Final, when England beat Germany. Holland may once again find themselves playing the hosts in a major Final, while one of the lesser fancied countries may embarrass the 'giants'.

The other managers will be trying to find out about Greece, yet as we go to Press their programme before the Championship was uncertain.

We can look forward to another titanic clash between West Germany and Holland and a repeat of the classic 1976 Final between the Czechs and the Germans.

England/Italy dwarfs them all, though. June 15th is already marked in every England supporter's diary.

### ENGLAND v. BELGIUM

|      | Eng     | Belg           |
|------|---------|----------------|
| 1921 | May 21  | Brussels.....2 |
| 1923 | Mar 19  | Highbury ....6 |
| 1923 | Nov 1   | Antwerp ....2  |
| 1924 | Dec 8   | West Brom....4 |
| 1926 | May 24  | Antwerp ....5  |
| 1927 | May 11  | Brussels....9  |
| 1928 | May 19  | Antwerp ....3  |
| 1929 | May 11  | Brussels....5  |
| 1931 | May 16  | Brussels....4  |
| 1936 | May 9   | Brussels....2  |
| 1947 | Sept 21 | Brussels....5  |
| 1950 | May 18  | Brussels....4  |
| 1952 | Nov 26  | Wembley ...5   |
| 1954 | June 17 | Basle .....4   |
| 1964 | Oct 21  | Wembley ...2   |
| 1970 | Feb 25  | Brussels....3  |

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### ENGLAND v. SPAIN

|      | Eng     | Spain          |
|------|---------|----------------|
| 1929 | May 15  | Madrid ....3   |
| 1931 | Dec 9   | Highbury ....7 |
| 1950 | July 2  | Rio de Jan.0   |
| 1955 | May 18  | Madrid ....1   |
| 1955 | Nov 30  | Wembley ...4   |
| 1960 | May 15  | Madrid ....0   |
| 1960 | Oct 26  | Wembley ...4   |
| 1965 | Dec 8   | Madrid ....2   |
| 1967 | May 24  | Wembley ...2   |
| 1968 | April 3 | Wembley ...1   |
| 1968 | May 8   | Madrid ....2   |

England's opponents' results in 1979

### BELGIUM

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| Austria (h)  | 1-1 |
| Austria (a)  | 0-0 |
| Norway (a)   | 2-1 |
| Holland (a)  | 0-1 |
| Portugal (h) | 2-0 |
| Scotland (h) | 2-0 |
| Scotland (a) | 3-1 |

### ITALY

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Holland (h)     | 3-0 |
| Argentina (h)   | 2-2 |
| Argentina (a)   | 1-4 |
| Yugoslavia (a)  | 1-0 |
| Sweden (h)      | 2-0 |
| Switzerland (h) | 1-0 |
| Spain (h)       | 1-0 |

### SPAIN

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Czechoslovakia (a) | 0-1 |
| Rumania (a)        | 2-2 |
| Portugal (h)       | 1-1 |
| Yugoslavia (h)     | 0-1 |
| Denmark (h)        | 1-3 |
| Cyprus (a)         | 3-1 |
| Italy (a)          | 0-1 |

Alan Ball slots one home in England's 1970 win in Belgium.



**ANDY  
KING**  
Everton



**SHOOT!**

# PRESTON N.E.



BACK ROW (left to right): George Warr (kit manager), Brian Taylor, Andy McAteer, Peter Litchfield, Roy Tunks, John Kilner (now Halifax), John Cochrane, Gordon Coleman, Harry Hubbick (trainer).  
MIDDLE ROW: Graham Houston, Graham Bell, Harry Wilson, Steve Elliott, Thomson.

Mike Baxter, Steve Uzelac, Steve Doyle, John Blackley.  
FRONT ROW: Danny Cameron, Eric Potts, Sean Haslegrave, Allan Kelly (assis. manager), Nobby Stiles (manager), Francis Burns, Alex Bruce, Ricky Thomson.



## CLUB SPOTLIGHT

# Nobby Stiles - the man to make PRESTON PROUD AGAIN

THE general feeling in the North-West is that if Nobby Stiles' Preston team could piece together a sustained winning run, the Second Division's front-runners would be looking anxiously over their shoulders.

Stiles preaches the gospel according to skill and individual expression — and they are the standards Preston returned to after losing 2-0 at Wrexham in the League and 3-0 at home to Ipswich in the F.A. Cup Third Round on January 5th.

Preston were in buoyant mood again after beating Fulham 3-2 at home, all their goals coming after the interval through Steve Elliott, two, the former Nottingham Forest player, and Paul McGee, signed from Queens Park Rangers.

Nobby Stiles makes no secret of his belief in the philosophy that good football succeeds. Not from him kick and rush and stifling negative tactics that some clubs adopt to camouflage a shortage of class in their ranks.

Stiles, of course, draws heavily on the experience he received at the academy of Manchester United football over many years.

He was always unfairly labelled a belligerent midfield destroyer when he made life unbearable for opposing forwards for England and United.

He was blessed with many more gifts than he was ever given credit for, and now he is wielding his influence along those lines in trying to raise Preston to the standards they produced in the heyday of Tom Finney and Charlie Wayman.

But Nobby is not a soft touch. He still believes in hard work allied to subtle skills.

"Work is not just running all day long," he says. "Ninety-nine per cent of players are honest. If you told them to run ten laps, then another ten and another ten, they would do it. But they'd have nothing left for Saturday. So you have to play with the ball, make it fun.

"I keep telling the players that they mustn't be scared of making mistakes. You've got to let players express themselves. Of course they will make mistakes along the way but if they are following the proper principles things will come right in the end."

He says he wants his players to enjoy themselves. Dull players produce dull football. That's his theory and few will argue with the point.

"Fear is the worst thing in this game," states Stiles emphatically.

No one displayed more courage than Stiles when gossip suggested an imminent sacking for the Preston manager during a bad run last season.

"It's no use letting things like that worry you. Every manager has to live with that. You won't win a thing if you get worried."

Memories are short in football, for Deepdale's directors were considering a replacement only a short time after he had masterminded their promotion from the Third Division.

Stiles produces a wry smile when he reflects on that imminent crisis in his career. For Preston did nothing extra in training when

they eventually hit top form last season than they had during their bad time.

He adopted the same principles he had moulded at Deepdale since his arrival. He kept the same players and the only change in tactics were on the domestic front.

"I took my wife to football for the first time," he reveals. The sister of Johnny Giles, the former Leeds United midfield maestro, Mrs Stiles brought instant success by her appearance in the stands.

Preston were beaten only once in the next 18 matches and the club finished in seventh position at the end of 1978-79.

Optimistic followers of the club's fortunes were confident Preston could do even better this season. Then Mick Robinson, their star striker, was off-loaded to Manchester City for £765,000 in the summer.

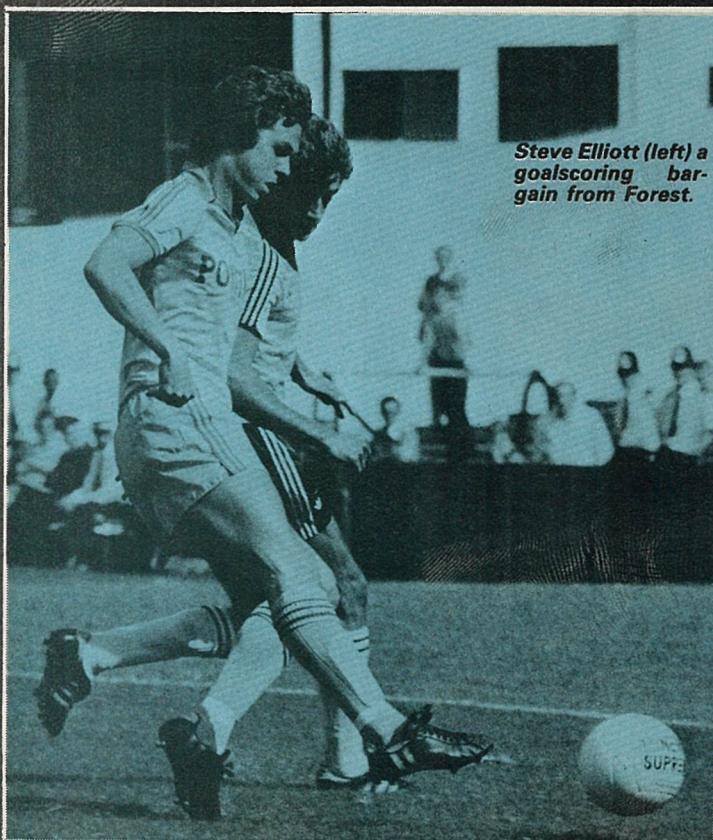
The fans thought Stiles was unwise to part with the youngster after his goal spree, but much of their criticism had subsided when Steve Elliott, a £95,000 buy from Forest, started hammering goals.

Alex Bruce has also made a major contribution this season. He has scored ten goals and is now fulfilling the promise he showed when he first joined Preston as a youngster before his transfer to Newcastle United.

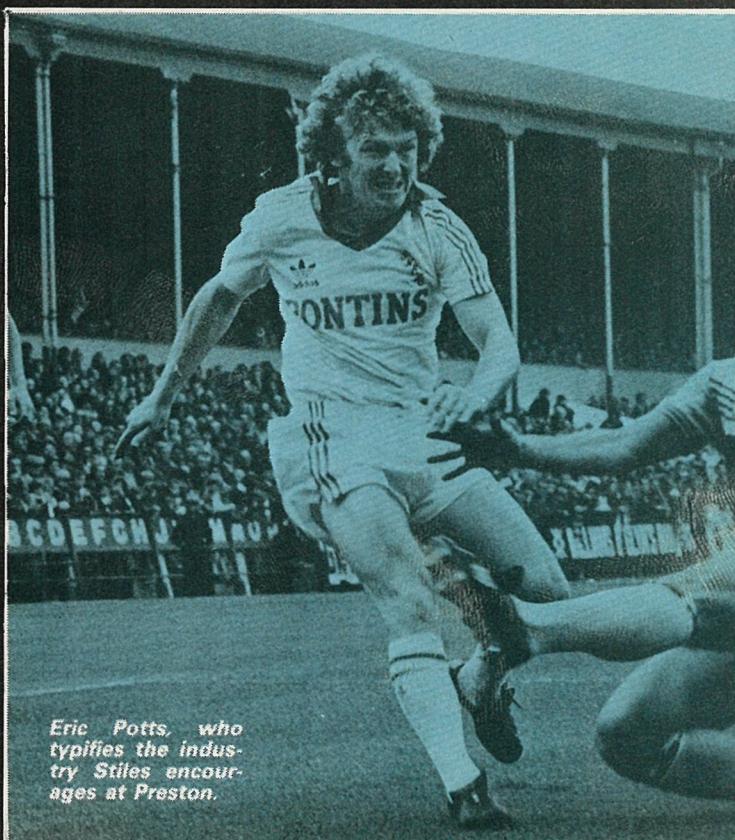
Nobby Stiles insists on running his Second Division club on the same lines as a First Division outfit. They stay in hotels, eat the best food, never scrimp on equipment and have an attitude geared to reviving the heady days when Proud Preston were a force in British football.

The feeling is that a stroke of good fortune and a big push could carry Preston back into the big time.

What cannot be disputed is that no one has done more to achieve that goal than Nobby Stiles.



Steve Elliott (left) a goalscorer bargain from Forest.



Eric Potts, who typifies the industry Stiles encourages at Preston.

# COSMOS SNAP UP SOUTH AMERICAN BARGAINS

THE Cosmos, bitterly upset at losing their North American Soccer League title to the Vancouver Whitecaps, have signed two of South America's top players in a bid to regain their supremacy.

They are Brazil's centre-back Oscar (25) and Romerito of Paraguay (19).

The Cosmos have two bargains. Oscar, Brazil's 1978 World Cup stopper, and arguably the best in his position of the tournament, cost only £200,000 from Ponte Preta of Campinas in the state of São Paulo.

He won 40 caps for Brazil, has a bachelor's degree in physiotherapy and is the fourth Brazilian to join the Cosmos following Pelé, Carlos Alberto and Francisco Marinho (who is almost certain to leave the club).

Julio Romero, known simply as Romerito, is rated the best Paraguayan player for many years. He was a star of the Junior World Cup in Japan last year and was outstanding when Paraguay won the South American Championship

recently.

The ban on overseas sales of their players was lifted by the Paraguayan authorities as their clubs desperately need the money.

Like Oscar, Romerito cost a mere £200,000, but the Cosmos will soon recoup their outlay by selling



Dennis Tueart, Marinho and the Yugoslav Bogicevic.

Other Paraguayan players are expected to leave the country, which is hard on national coach Ranulfo Miranda who has built up a young side capable of reaching the 1982 World Cup Finals.

What the Cosmos DON'T yet have is a coach to take charge of their expensive team of multi-national stars. At the moment, Pelé's personal friend Julio Mazzei has the job, but the man they wanted — Terry Venables — turned down the two million dollar deal.

Oscar (second left) in action against France in Paris.

## Chile's aims

After their Copa de America defeat by Paraguay, Chile have announced that they're now totally dedicated to producing a good World Cup team for 1982.

Manager Luis Santibáñez is watching hundreds of promising youngsters, and has clearly stated his intentions to re-organise the whole of Chilean football, just as Menotti has done in Argentina.



As a first step in his programme he's 'retired' three of Chile's most famous veterans from the national team — Alberto Quintano (33, above), Leonardo Véliz (34) and Chile's great footballing idol Elías Figueroa, the ace defender who won two Brazilian Championships with Internacional of Porto Alegre and regularly featured among the Continent's top six players.

At 33 Figueroa is still in good form for his club Palestino, but feels the time has come to drop out of the national team and let a younger man gain valuable international experience.

WHILE most of Spain's 1982 World Cup preparations seem to be going desparingly slowly, the Madrid municipal police have set a fine example. They've drawn up plans to recruit an addition 1,500 people so that they can use a force of 4,500 police to control operations during the World Cup. The police are also studying the best methods of signposting vital buildings in various languages, and of speeding up the usually laborious road connection between Barajas Airport and the city centre.

## RIVER'S DOUBLE

RIVER Plate have performed the Double again in Argentina, though they didn't exactly clinch it in style. Star-studded River had already won the Metropolitan Championship, and only needed to beat unfancied Unión de Santa Fé in the Final of the National Championship to achieve the coveted Double.

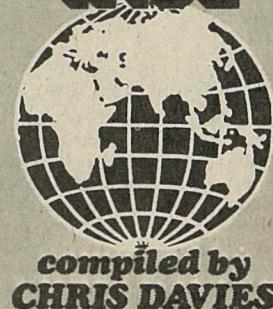
In the event, a late Alonso goal gave them a 1-1 draw in the first-leg in Santa Fé, and that away goal clinched the tie after the return ended goalless.

This was River's second National Championship win — the other being when they first performed the Double in 1975. It was also the 17th title that they've won since pro football began in Argentina in 1931.

And they also finished as top team of the decade with five title wins to their credit against Independiente's four and the three titles won by San Lorenzo and Boca Juniors.

WHEN Lars Rasmussen was just four, he had an accident and his right leg was severely damaged. Since then, he has used an artificial limb, yet he has still managed to follow a career in football. Lars plays for Danish club Helsingør Idrætsforening in Funen.

## WORLD WIDE



Guy Thijss, 58-year-old manager of Belgium who ousted Scotland, Portugal and Austria in the European Championship, is one of the few national team bosses without a formal coaching diploma.

In the Final of the African Clubs Champions Cup, Union Douala (Cameroun) beat Hearts of Oak (Ghana), 5-3 on penalties after each side had won their home legs by 1-0.

## News flashes

Need to rebuild for the 1982 World Cup qualifying campaign, Hungary will be busy this year. They have already arranged games against Czechoslovakia (April), Yugoslavia and Scotland (May), Austria (June), Spain (September) and both Austria and Russia for October.

West Berlin Bundesliga club Hertha BSC have engaged the Thailand international star, Vithaya Laohakul.

The West German F.A. surprised the clubs by suddenly imposing a transfer ban before Christmas and no new players will be eligible to play this season. Hamburger SV just scraped in with the signing of 22-year-old 'B' international goalscorer Jürgen Milewski from Hertha BSC, who cost £200,000 and is just eligible for the European Cup Quarter-Finals.

Iraq have beaten East Germany, Sweden and Finland in 1979 internationals and their First Division is currently led by the Baghdad Police team. They lead at the halfway mark with 16 points from 11 games.

NASL club Edmonton Drillers have signed two Germans from SpBgg Furth (near Nuremberg) Eduard Krischner and Klaus Heinlein, for almost £200,000. Furth chairman, Günter Paulus, delightedly told the Press: "This brought us more cash than our total gate receipts in the whole season."

Leaders in the goalscoring race in Belgium are Anderlecht's centre-forward Erwin van den Berg with 17 goals and Jan Ceulemans of FC Bruges with 16.

In a benefit match for former international defender Horst Hottges, who played in the 1966 World Cup Final at Wembley, Werder Bremen attracted a 15,000 gate in the winter-break, playing against a Bundesliga select. Among the visitors, who won 3-2, were Kevin Keegan and Paul Breitner, who both starred in midfield; Berti Vogts who hung up his boots last June, and seven current German internationals.

The USA are making progress in the Olympic Games. After by-passing Mexico, because they fielded professionals, the USA have eliminated Bermuda 3-0 and 5-0 with both games played in the States at Hamilton and Fort Lauderdale.

The recent elections in Portugal have put the two current top teams in a good position to pull strings if needed. The president of League leaders FC Porto, Americo da Sa, is a member of the new parliament together with Antonio Canaverde, a former F.A. chairman and a director of Benfica, who are in second place.

WHILE Kevin Keegan was the centre of a blaze of publicity for winning the European Player of the Year Award in the France Football poll, the French magazine's study of the European national teams' performances during 1979 passed virtually unnoticed.

Based on the year's results, France Football's League table looked like this: 1 Yugoslavia, 2 West Germany, 3 Austria, 4= England, Belgium, 6= Holland, Poland, 8= Italy, Czechoslovakia, France.

The Republic of Ireland and Wales tied for 15th position along with Portugal, while Scotland and Northern Ireland tied for 23rd position, just behind 1982 World Cup hosts, Spain.

Cyprus were the tailenders in 31st position.



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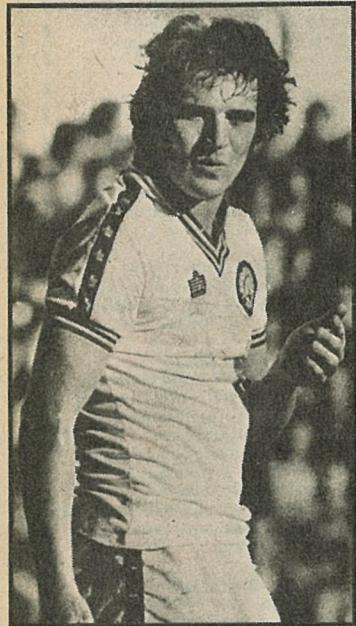
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This week's Star Letter comes from Patricia Wylie of Cronton, Widnes, in Cheshire, who wins our Special Prize of £5. She writes:

## WHY FANS STAY AWAY

★ I read Viv Anderson's article about larger crowds coming back if less matches were televised... although some fans stay away if their team is on T.V., I don't think attendances would increase by any great amount if a game wasn't shown. Ardent supporters would go along regardless.

Two factors which keep fans away are hooliganism and poor facilities. Viv mentioned he'd like to see grounds improved; certainly no one likes to stand at a dirty ground and be subjected to the bad language from a section of the crowd. Football is no longer a family game. No man is willing to take his family to a match to be 'greeted' by offensive behaviour. ● When ITV were on strike earlier this season there was no increase in attendances, even though soccer on T.V. was cut by half.



## Murdoch tribute

I'd like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Bobby Murdoch, the former Celtic star, currently doing a terrific job at Middlesbrough coaching the youth team.

He is helping some excellent young prospects come through, such as Mark Proctor, David Hodgson, Craig Johnston, Peter Johnson, Jeff Peters and Ian Bailey, all of whom have made their mark in the first team.

I am sure Bobby's hard work will

help Boro to some long-awaited success.

MICHAEL SPEEDY,  
MILTON KEYNES

● I rate Boro very highly — David Hodgson, particularly, has taken my eye this season. If they continue to progress as they have been, no doubt a trophy will soon find its way to Ayresome Park.

## Understood

I'm a Harlow supporter and I've found out why we beat Leicester City in the F.A. Cup. I heard an interview with their manager, Jock Wallace, on T.V. and understood about one word in six! Maybe his team-talk was 'understood' similarly!

GRAEME COOPER,  
HARLOW.

● Leicester's high placing in Division Two proves his message gets through, Graeme.

## Make Dave drunk!

I'd like to draw your attention to the monthly managerial awards made by Bell's Whisky. I fail to understand how Manchester United's Dave Sexton has not been chosen this season.

I'd have thought being in the top five all season would have given Dave a Divisional award. All the old favourites... Paisley, Clough, Venables... have been selected and, to my surprise, Spurs' Keith Burkinshaw. What have Spurs contributed to the League?

Come on Bell's — make Dave Sexton drunk!

MICKIE PIKE,  
GT YARMOUTH.

● After Spurs' F.A. Cup victory at Old Trafford, I'm sure Dave could have done with a drink!

## Marked Ray

I am worried about the attitude of some players and referees towards Leeds' Ray Hankin (left). Ray, of course, was subjected to 'trial by television' last season and has been a marked man since.

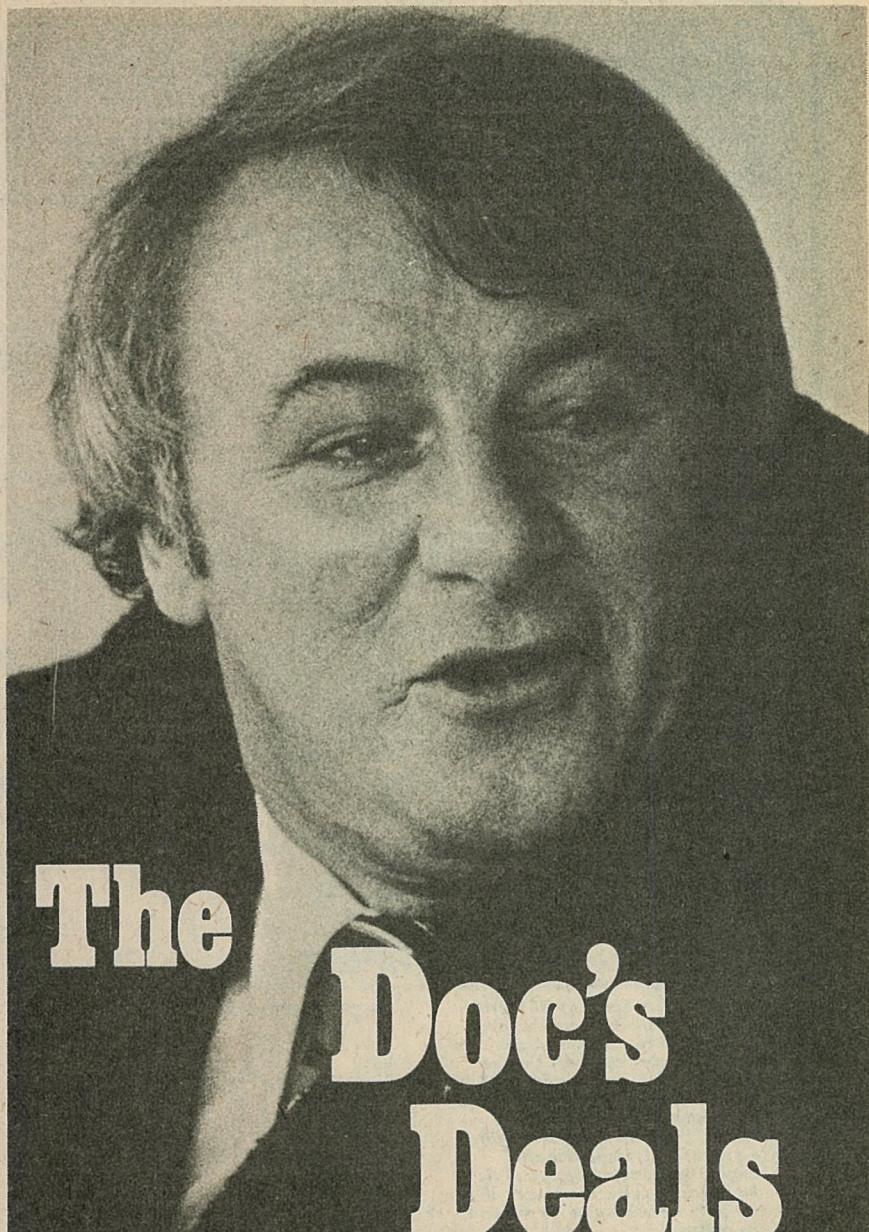
Ray has been booked for petty offences for which other players aren't even spoken to.

More disconcerting is the way certain opponents try to provoke Ray. Hankin is occasionally over-aggressive, but receives just as much as he gives.

Even so, I'm upset that he is singled out now.

LOUISE ORMSBY,  
LEEDS.

● An eye for an eye...



## The Doc's Deals

WHO but Tommy Docherty would mastermind one of the most surprising transfer deals of the season from a hospital bed?

The Doc did just that whilst recovering from a beating-up on a train between London and Manchester.

A nightmare experience but not enough to impair his judgment on whether to sell Stan Bowles to Nottingham Forest.

The fee of a quarter of a million pounds added another notch to the mounting list of transfer transactions which have helped make the name of Docherty a household word far beyond strictly soccer circles.

When Tommy Docherty paid-out a bargain £150,000 in November to bring his old player Gordon Hill to boost Rangers' promotion hopes... it brought his total transfer expenditure in a decade-and-a-half of Football League club management to more than the £5½ million.

But it's far from being all outgoings. In fact, adding the "Ins" and "Outs" together, Docherty is spot-on as becoming the Ten-Million-Pound Man.

No other manager in soccer history has matched The Doc's dynamic activity in a sphere where wrong judgments inevitably mean thoughts of the sack.

Doesn't he ever have any sleepless nights? "Not so's you'd notice it,"



chuckles the irrepressible Docherty, "I've always enjoyed it. I'm a decision-maker, and buying and selling footballers is like food and drink to me."

"Honestly, I feel almost uncomfortable when I think my team is good enough. If I had the best 16 or so players in Britain in my first team squad... then I'd start worrying about the reserves!"

"Sure, I've done more deals than most, but that's because I'm prepared to accept the risks of mistakes."

"But look at my record as a whole over the years, and I reckon most people would agree that I win more

than I lose."

Tommy has no doubt whatsoever about his best buy. And that's Steve Coppell, a key-member of Ron Greenwood's England set-up of today and tomorrow, whom he bought for £40,000. And he quizzically inquires "What's the lad worth now?"

He's also pretty chuffed at once signing Coppell's England team-mate, big Dave Watson, for a mere £8,000. He also bought Gerry Daly for £12,000 . . . before selling him for £175,000.

Since Docherty first eased his controversial self into a managerial hot-seat, of course, transfer fees have gone through the roof — otherwise the total amount he's paid, and received, would clearly be astronomical.

He's always been surrounded by publicity, off the field as well as on it, but no man who knows his job, can deny the outstanding sides at Chelsea and Manchester United;



Steve  
Coppell

ignited the flames of Villa's recovery from the verge of bankruptcy; and dramatically re-shaped Derby before events turned sour on him.

Now he's on the boil again at Queens Park Rangers — the club he rapidly left, after just 28 days of fireworks, nearly 11 years ago.

Love him or loathe him . . . don't knock The Doc. He's controversial, he's arrogant, he's outrageous. He is ALSO amiable, kindly, helpful — and a football writer's dream!

Not to mention being a shrewd judge of a player, the game, and what it's all about.

But, above all, he's a "character" — in a growing soccer-scene of grey orthodoxy and lack of eye-catching flair.

\*\*\*This is an overall club-by-club picture of Tommy Docherty's dealings in the British transfer market.

| CLUB                                     | PLAYERS SIGNED | PLAYERS SOLD |
|------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| CHELSEA (Nov. 1961 to Oct. 1967)         | £614,500       | £731,000     |
| ROTHERHAM (Nov. 1967 to Nov. 1968)       | £87,500        | £79,000      |
| Q.P.R. (Nov/Dec. 1968 for 28 days)       | —              | —            |
| ASTON VILLA (Dec. 1968 to Jan. 1970)     | £255,000       | £36,000      |
| MANCHESTER UTD (Dec. 1972 to July. 1977) | £1,225,000     | £892,000     |
| DERBY (Sept. 1977 to May. 1979)          | £1,735,000     | £1,475,000   |
| Q.P.R. (May. 1979 to Jan. 22, 1980)      | £1,725,000     | £1,171,000   |
|                                          | £5,642,000     | £4,384,000   |

## CHELSEA

### Players signed:

| 1961          | Nov. | Andy Malcolm (West Ham)       | £12,000  |
|---------------|------|-------------------------------|----------|
|               |      | Allan Young (Arsenal)         | £6,000   |
|               | Dec. | Errol McNally (Portadown)     | £5,000   |
|               |      | Graham Moore (Cardiff)        | £35,000  |
| 1962          | Mar. | Dennis Sorrell (Orient)       | £10,000  |
|               | Apr. | Eddie McCreadie (E. Stirling) | £5,000   |
|               | June | Tommy Knox (East Stirling)    | £5,000   |
|               | Sep. | Tommy Harmer (Watford)        | £2,500   |
|               | Oct. | Jim Mulholland (E. Stirling)  | £8,000   |
| 1963          | Mar. | Derek Kevan (West Brom.)      | £45,000  |
|               | Aug. | Marvin Hinton (Charlton)      | £30,000  |
| 1964          | Feb. | Bobby Gould (Arsenal)         | £2,000   |
|               | Jun. | George Graham (Arsenal)       | £5,000   |
| 1965          | Apr. | Jim Barron (Wolves)           | £5,000   |
|               | Nov. | Tommy Robson (N'hampton)      | £30,000  |
| 1966          | Mar. | Joe Kirkup (West Ham)         | £35,000  |
|               | Apr. | Charlie Cooke (Dundee)        | £72,000  |
|               | May  | Allan Harris (Coventry)       | £45,000  |
|               | Sep. | Alex Stepney (Millwall)       | £50,000  |
|               | Oct. | Tommy Baldwin (Arsenal)       | £25,000  |
|               |      | Tony Hateley (Villa)          | £100,000 |
| 1967          | June | Colin Waldron (Bury)          | £25,000  |
|               | Sep. | Geoff Butler (Boro)           | £57,000  |
| Players sold: |      |                               |          |
| 1961          | Oct. | Reg Matthews (Derby)          | £10,000  |
|               | Nov. | Ron Tindall (West Ham)        | exchange |
| 1962          | Jan. | Mike Block (Brentford)        | £5,000   |
|               |      | Sylvan Anderton (Q.P.R.)      | £5,000   |
|               | Mar. | Gordon Bolland (Orient)       | £8,000   |
|               | Apr. | John Sillett (Coventry)       | £3,000   |
|               | Sep. | Mike Harrison (Blackburn)     | £18,000  |
|               |      | Terry Bradbury (Southend)     | £4,500   |
|               | Oct. | Andy Malcolm (Q.P.R.)         | £12,000  |
|               |      | Peter Brabrook (West Ham)     | £35,000  |
| 1963          | Mar. | Mel Scott (Brentford)         | £10,000  |
|               | June | Dennis Butler (Hull)          | £10,000  |
|               | Aug. | Derek Kevan (Man. City)       | £40,000  |
|               |      | Colin Shaw (Norwich)          | £5,000   |
|               | Nov. | Graham Moore (Man. U.)        | £35,000  |
| 1964          | Sep. | Dennis Sorrell (Orient)       | £3,000   |
|               | Nov. | Jim Mulholland (Morton)       | £5,000   |
|               |      | Dennis Brown (Swindon)        | £17,000  |
|               |      | Allan Harris (Coventry)       | £35,000  |
| 1965          | Feb. | Tommy Knox (Newcastle)        | £10,000  |
|               | July | Ian Watson (Q.P.R.)           | £10,000  |
|               | Sep. | John Mortimore (Q.P.R.)       | £8,000   |
|               | Oct. | Jim McCalliog (Sheff. Wed.)   | £37,500  |
| 1966          | May  | Terry Venables (Spurs)        | £80,000  |
|               |      | Barry Bridges (B'ham)         | £55,000  |
|               | Aug. | Bert Murray (Birmingham)      | £25,000  |
|               | Sep. | Alex Stepney (Man. U.)        | £50,000  |
|               |      | George Graham (Arsenal)       | £50,000  |
|               | Dec. | Tommy Robson (Newcastle)      | £20,000  |
| 1967          | June | Tony Hateley (Liverpool)      | £95,000  |
|               | July | Allan Harris (Q.P.R.)         | £30,000  |

## ASTON VILLA

### Players signed:

| 1968          | Dec.                     | Brian Tiler (Rotherham)      | £35,000  |
|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------|
|               | 1969                     | Dave Simmons (Arsenal)       | £15,000  |
|               | Feb.                     | Ian Hamilton (Southend)      | £40,000  |
|               | June                     | Bruce Rioch (Luton)          | £100,000 |
|               | July                     | Neil Rioch (Luton)           | £10,000  |
|               | Oct.                     | John Phillips (Shrewsbury)   | £30,000  |
|               | Dec.                     | George Curtis (Coventry)     | £25,000  |
| Players sold: |                          |                              |          |
| 1969          | Feb.                     | Brian Greenhalgh (Leicester) | £15,000  |
|               | May                      | Tommy Mitchinson (Torquay)   | £6,000   |
|               | Nov.                     | Mike Ferguson (Q.P.R.)       | £15,000  |
| 1970          |                          |                              |          |
| Sep.          | Alan Foggan (Sunderland) | £25,000                      |          |
| Oct.          | Jim Holton (Sunderland)  | £65,000                      |          |
| 1977          | Mar.                     | Gerry Daly (Derby)           | £175,000 |

## DERBY

### Players signed:

| 1977 | Sep.  | John Middleton (Forest)     | £100,000 |
|------|-------|-----------------------------|----------|
|      | Oct.  | Gerry Ryan (Bohemians)      | £40,000  |
|      | Nov.  | Don Masson (Q.P.R.)         | £175,000 |
|      |       | Bruce Rioch (Everton)       | £150,000 |
|      |       | Terry Curran (Forest)       | £50,000  |
| 1978 | Jan.  | Steve Buckley (Luton)       | £150,000 |
|      | Apr.  | Gordon Hill (Man. U.)       | £275,000 |
|      | Aug.  | Steve Carter (Notts County) | £60,000  |
|      | Sept. | Aidan McCaffrey (Newcastle) | £60,000  |
|      | Oct.  | Billy Caskey (Glenrothes)   | £50,000  |
|      | Nov.  | Jon Clark (Man. U.)         | £50,000  |
|      |       | John Duncan (Spurs)         | £150,000 |
|      |       | Vic Moreland (Glenrothes)   | £40,000  |
|      | Dec.  | Bob Bowers (Cliftonville)   | £40,000  |
|      |       | Dave Webb (Leicester)       | £20,000  |
| 1979 | Jan.  | Roy Greenwood (Sunderland)  | £50,000  |
|      |       | Steve Wicks (Chelsea)       | £275,000 |

## MAN. UTD.

### Players signed:

| 1972 | Dec. | George Graham (Arsenal) | £120,000 |
|------|------|-------------------------|----------|
|      |      | Alex Forsyth (Partick)  | £120,000 |

| 1973 | Jan. | Jim Holton (Shrewsbury) | £95,000  |
|------|------|-------------------------|----------|
|      | Apr. | Mick Martin (Bohemians) | £18,000  |
|      |      | Lou Macari (Celtic)     | £200,000 |
|      | Oct. | Gerry Daly (Bohemians)  | £12,000  |

| 1974 | Dec. | Ray O'Brien (Shelbourne)    | £15,000  |
|------|------|-----------------------------|----------|
|      |      | Stewart Houston (Brentford) | £50,000  |
|      | Mar. | Jim McCalliog (Wolves)      | £60,000  |
|      | May  | Stuart Pearson (Hull)       | £200,000 |

| 1975 | Nov. | Ron Davies (Portsmouth)  | exchange |
|------|------|--------------------------|----------|
|      | Feb. | Steve Coppell (Tranmere) | £40,000  |
|      | June | Gordon Hill (Millwall)   | £70,000  |
|      | July | Alan Foggan (Boro)       | £40,000  |

| 1976 | Oct. | Chris McGrath (Spurs)     | £30,000  |
|------|------|---------------------------|----------|
|      | Nov. | Jimmy Greenhoff (Stoke)   | £120,000 |
|      | Mar. | Ashley Grimes (Bohemians) | £20,000  |

| Players sold: | 1973 | Feb.                       | Carlo Sartori (Bologna)    | £45,000  |
|---------------|------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------|
|               |      | Mar.                       | Ted MacDougall (West Ham)  | £170,000 |
|               |      | June                       | Paul Edwards (Oldham)      | £15,000  |
|               |      | July                       | Wyn Davies (Blackpool)     | £25,000  |
|               |      | Nov.                       | David Sadler (Preston)     | £20,000  |
| 1974          | Mar. | Ray O'Brien (Notts County) | £40,000                    |          |
|               |      | May                        | Jimmy Rimmer (Arsenal)     | £40,000  |
|               |      | July                       | Peter Fletcher (Hull)      | £30,000  |
|               |      | Nov.                       | Brian Kidd (Arsenal)       | £110,000 |
|               |      | Dec.                       | Trevor Anderson (Swindon)  | £25,000  |
|               |      |                            | George Graham (Portsmouth) | exchange |

| 1975 | Feb. | Jim McCalliog (Soton)    | £40,000 |
|------|------|--------------------------|---------|
|      | June | Willie Morgan (Burnley)  | £32,000 |
|      | Dec. | Mick Martin (West Brom.) | £35,000 |

### Players signed:

| 1979 | June  | Chris Woods (Forest)       | £250,000 |
|------|-------|----------------------------|----------|
|      | Jul.  | Peter Davidson (Berwick)   | £40,000  |
|      |       | Gary Micklewhite (Man. U.) | £25,000  |
|      |       | Martin Rogers (Man. U.)    | £20,000  |
|      | Aug.  | Tony Currie (Leeds)        | £400,000 |
|      |       | David McCreery (Man. U.)   | £200,000 |
|      | Sept. | Steve Burke (Forest)       | £100,000 |
|      |       | Bob Hazell (Wolves)        | £240,000 |
|      |       | Steve Wicks (Derby)        | £300,000 |
|      | Nov.  | Gordon Hill (Derby)        | £150,000 |

### Players sold:

| 1979 | July | Dave Clement (Bolton)        | £165,000 |
|------|------|------------------------------|----------|
|      |      | Gerry Francis (Palace)       | £465,000 |
|      |      | John Hollins (Arsenal)       | £75,000  |
|      | Oct. | Paul McGee (Preston)         | £100,000 |
|      | Nov. | Billy Hamilton (Burnley)     | £50,000  |
|      | Dec. | Stan Bowles (Forest)         | £250,000 |
|      |      | Derek Richardson (Sheff. U.) | £50,000  |
|      |      | Peter Davidson (Berwick)     | £16,000  |

## ROTHERHAM

### Players signed:

| 1967 | Dec. | John Quinn (Sheff. Wed.) | £27,000 |
|------|------|--------------------------|---------|
|      |      | Graham Parker (Villa)    | £6,000  |

| 1968 | Feb. | Jim Storrie (Aberdeen)    | £10,000 |
|------|------|---------------------------|---------|
|      | July | Graham Watson (Doncaster) | £10,500 |
|      | Aug. | Barry Mealand (Fulham)    | £8,000  |
|      | Sep. | Jim Furnell               |         |

ASSUMING Jock Stein wants me, I'll be available next week to play for Scotland for the first time in 18 months. That's how long it's been since I last pulled on the dark blue jersey. I cannot tell you how frustrating it's been not being able to play for my country: suffice to say it's been the biggest regret of my career that at 24 I have just a handful of caps to my credit.

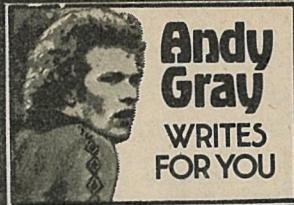
I made my debut aged 19, but really, I'm starting all over again. Thankfully, I'm still young enough to begin an international career and touch wood, nothing will happen between now and next Wednesday.

I accepted my absence under Ally MacLeod, who, for one reason or another, overlooked me. What has disappointed me so much since Jock Stein took over is that he's called me up — only for me to drop out. Earlier this season I didn't feel I was quite ready for the highest class of football. I'd had a double operation on my knee and was 'feeling' my way back with Wolves.

To be honest, I wasn't confident the knee would withstand the pressure of constant tackling, but I've missed just one match since my transfer from Aston Villa and that because of an ankle sprain.

I didn't want to play for Scotland unless I was 100 per cent in every respect . . . which I was last time I was called up for the Belgium game at Hampden. What happened? Wolves needed a second replay to best Grimsby in the League Cup Quarter-Finals and the fixture-clash forced me to once again withdraw from Mr. Stein's squad.

The reaction from Scotland has been better than I could have expected. Had the people back



# 'ENGLAND'S SUCCESS NOT HELPING SCOTLAND'S PLIGHT'

home thought that I was unreliable, or not worth worrying about, I could have understood them. I've had a lot of letters saying "never mind, you'll be back soon" which lifted my spirits no end. I just hope no one expects miracles if I DO play.

With around 30 games for Wolves behind me I'm as fit as ever. My knee has taken a few bashings and has stood up magnificently. It's been said that the European Championship tie against Portugal is a 'nothing' game. It wouldn't be for me.

Even if there is one of Hampden's smallest gates for years, it's a game I'd give anything to play in. All I can do is hope Mr. Stein hasn't forgot-

ten me and thinks I can do a job for him.

This match could be described as the first in the build-up for the next World Cup. The current European Championship campaign hasn't gone too well, although what Mr. Stein is trying to do can't be done overnight.

He rightly believes Scotland's traditional blood-and-thunder style needs changing, that our passion must be blended with more sophisticated soccer to meet the demands of the 80's.

I appreciate the fans' frustration. What makes things even harder to accept is the fact that England are doing so well. It was nice when Scotland were winning and England

were struggling. Now, the roles have been reversed . . .

One reason why England are successful is that they have a manager who has a settled side. Jock Stein hasn't had time to put all his ideas into practice, but time is a rare commodity in this game.

Success seems to go in cycles, Liverpool excepted. Great teams come and go because their players become too old or move on. While they are replaced a transitional period is inevitable. This is even harder at international level, though, especially when there are changes of manager.

England went through a rough patch. Now they are back on the right road, yet having said that I still

have my doubts about them. I know my mailbag will be full of "I told you so" letters from England fans if they win the European Championship, but my money is on Italy, so strong at home, or the experienced West Germans, who seem to be coming good when it matters.

I wouldn't say the English had an easy passage through to the Finals. It was, on the other hand, certainly easier than some of the other Finalists. They'll be up against the big boys in Italy and it's there that they'll meet their real test.

What worries me is the lack of a ball-winner in midfield. I feel every side needs such a player when the going gets tough and it'll be tough in Italy, have no doubt about that!



LEFT ... "England's Phil Neal on the attack against Denmark."

RIGHT ... "Emlyn Hughes did me a favour when I made my Wolves debut by taking the spotlight from me."

Mind you, if you asked me who I'd select in such a role I couldn't answer it. There isn't a modern day Nobby Stiles available to Ron Greenwood.

I particularly like the England back-four and the way the whole team goes forward. The defence starts a lot of the moves with a patient build-up and the defensive players often get forward to score vital goals, notably Phil Neal and Dave Watson.

### Confidence

We'll find out during June just how good England are. I'll be the first to hold up my hands if they do it and the confidence they have gained in the past two years will be a big asset. I can't see them going 'all the way', though.

More immediately, Wolves play Everton at Molineux on Saturday (February 2nd) and the first game, at Goodison Park, holds some happy memories for me. I made my Wolves debut that day and scored in our 3-2 victory. The same again this weekend will do fine!

A little known story about my



debut — which I learned about only after the game — was how Emlyn Hughes helped me. He had a troublesome knee and was 50-50 to play on Merseyside for the first time since his transfer from Liverpool.

Emlyn realised how much pressure there would be on me — Britain's record fee player making his debut for his new club — so he opted to play in pain to ensure the Goodison fans turned their 'attention' to him.

True to form, they gave Emlyn as much 'stick' as they could and this took the spotlight off me. It was a very Emlyn-like thing to do.

By the way, as I write, I'm just going to record an edition of A Question of Sport with Emlyn. Will we be on the same side ... ?

Everton appear to be over their bad patch and have turned the corner. They had a lot of problems at the beginning of the season with player-unrest. Now, Gordon Lee has his team organised and it'll be much harder for Wolves this time.

Join me again in a fortnight,

*Andy Lee*

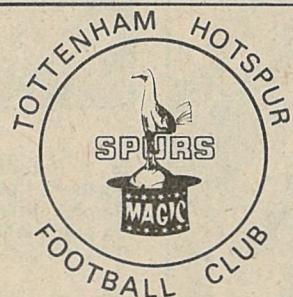
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# Quiz Time

1. David Armstrong (below) played his 200th, 300th or 400th League game for Middlesbrough against Manchester United on January 12th?



2. Peter Lorimer recently celebrated his appointment as captain of which Fourth Division side by scoring in their 2-1 win against Newport County?

3. Which England international went on a month's loan to Nottingham Forest during January?

4. Wigan Athletic caused a surprise when they travelled to Stamford Bridge and beat Chelsea 1-0 in an F.A. Cup Third Round tie. Who scored their winning goal?

5. In a Third Round, second replay, Swansea knocked out First Division Crystal Palace 2-1. Where was the game played?

6. Alan Biley was transferred from Cambridge United to which First Division club for around £400,000?

7. Southampton became the second, third or fourth club this season to take a point off Liverpool at Anfield when they drew 1-1 recently?

8. Can you name the only player who scored a hat-trick in the Football League on Saturday, January 12th?

9. Who is the famous Second Division manager pictured (below) during a charity game?



10. Terry Connor has been scoring regularly for which club since breaking into the First Division?

11. Which clubs play at (a) Spotland, (b) Ochilview Park, (c) Glebe Park and (d) Sincil Bank?

12. Ian Porterfield was recently appointed manager of which Third Division club?



13. If Pat Rice (above) plays for Northern Ireland against Israel on March 26th in a World Cup qualifying game will it be his 50th, 60th or 70th full cap?

14. Why was Swindon Town's League Cup Semi-Final first-leg at the County Ground on Tuesday, January 15th postponed?

15. Fulham made an F.A. Cup Third Round exit when they were beaten 1-0, 2-0 or 3-0 by Blackburn in a replay at Craven Cottage?

## ANSWERS:

1. 300th. 2. York City. 3. Southampton's Charlie George. 4. Tommy George. 5. Niall Quinn. 6. Derby County. 7. Fourth. 8. Mick Brown of Sunderland. 9. Birmingham's Jim Smith. 10. Leeds United. 11. (a) Rochdale. (b) Stevenage. 12. Rothham. 13. 50th. 14. Snow. 15. 1-0.

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (1) Chelsea. (6) So. (7) Hunt. (9) Arsenal. (10) Use. (12) Mows. (13) Gale. (14) Peters. (17) His. (18) Her. (19) Ask. (20) Toasts. (22) Thorn. (24) Item. (26) Asa. (27) Scar. (29) Eusebio. (31) Lato. (32) Set.

DOWN:— (1) Clough. (2) Expels. (3) Sham. (4) European Cup. (5) Answers. (6) Stairs. (8) Test. (11) Saints. (15) East. (16) Skim. (18) Horse. (20) To. (21) Tires. (23) Halt. (25) Exit. (26) All. (28) As. (30) Be.

Jumbled Name: MIKE THOMAS.

## NEXT WEEK

### ARE THE JOE JORDANS FINISHED?

— SHOOT asks four top players to comment on the future of the 'Dreadnought' strikers in today's game.

### League Cup Semi-Finals Previews —

Wolves v. Swindon and Ray Clemence comments on Liverpool's tie v. Forest.

**Terry Connor (Leeds) and Terry Gibson (Spurs)** ▶   
teenage "tearaways"

Dave Watson signs for Sunderland — Part Two of his life story.

Features on Ayr United, St. Mirren and Kilmarnock . . . Club Spotlight on Crystal Palace.



Also: Mike Channon, David Narey (above), Steve Hardwick, Garth Crooks and Eric Gates.

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# 'I never wanted to leave City'

claims  
**GARY OWEN**

**G**ARY and his Albion colleague Peter Barnes will both have mixed feelings as they step out against Manchester City on Saturday (February 2nd) for the first time at Maine Road since their joint transfers to West Brom.

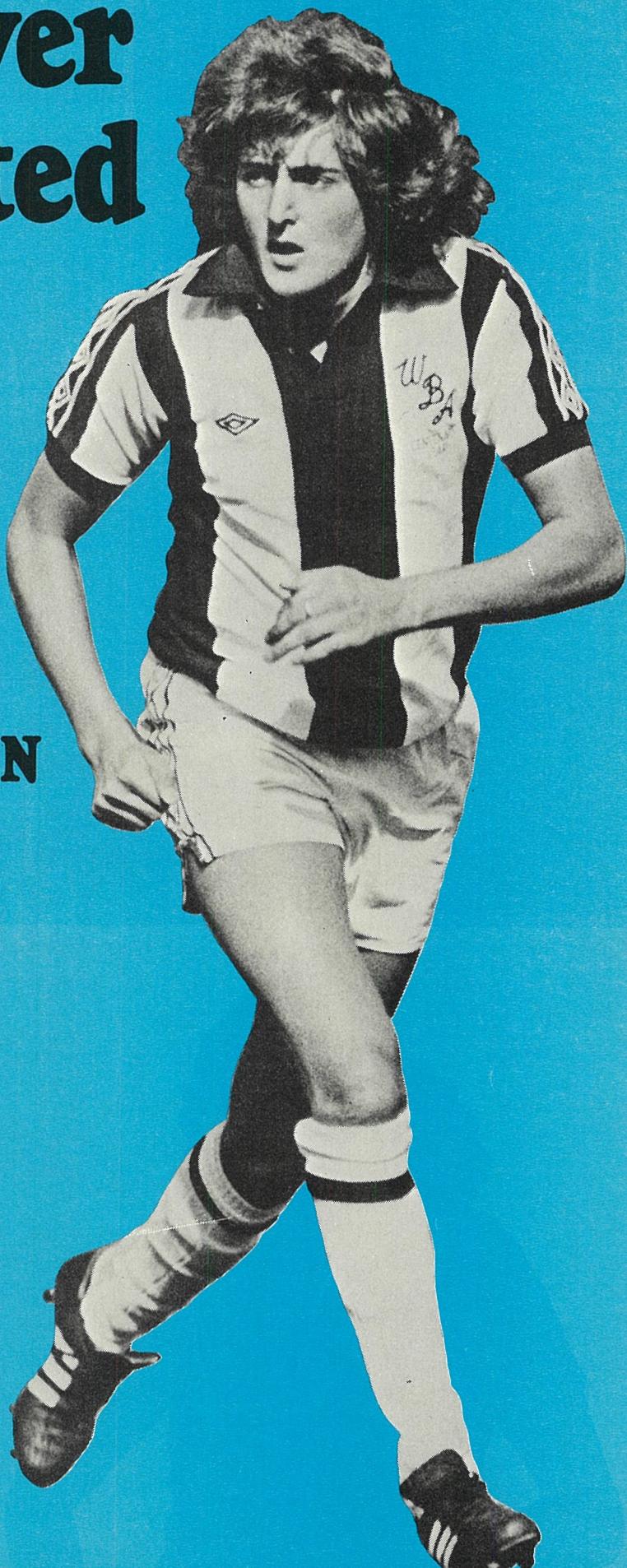
Their moves last summer were the climax of wrangling between new team-manager Malcolm Allison, and several of the City first team squad.

"Five players left because Malcolm felt we couldn't do a job for him," says Gary. "That was all there was to it — it was his opinion and as he was in charge, we had to leave. I didn't want to stay and play for a manager who made it clear he didn't want me."

"Peter felt the same, so in the interests of all parties it was best to make the break. Nevertheless, I've always been a City fan and it will seem odd walking into the visitor's dressing room at Maine Road when I've been used to the home dressing room all my career."

Both Owen and Barnes have taken time to settle in the Midlands. The pair found it hard after being at City since their school-days. They also had to adapt to a new playing style and tactics at The Hawthorns.

Owen says: "That is true to a certain extent, but that's not all there is to it. The team has been struggling compared to last season and people have tended to blame us for disrupting the rhythm of 1978-79.



"This is unfair because I've been playing pretty well and I have been reasonably happy with my form. Peter has taken longer to settle, possibly because he's more of an inward person than me. His form has improved tremendously in recent weeks. We are both confident we'll achieve success with Albion."

Nevertheless, it's been a disappointing season for both Manchester City and West Brom. City lost to lowly Halifax in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup and Albion also went out, beaten by Second Division West Ham.

"The defeat at Upton Park was hard to swallow but the potential at Albion is immense," says Owen. "Peter and I are thrilled at the prospect of being successful with this club. We have five players who are under 21, the goalkeeper is 24 and Brendon Batson is only 26. That's seven young lads and I'm convinced we shall be a force to be reckoned with again once we get used to each other.

"You won't see the best of Albion for another season or two. But believe me, it'll be worth waiting because we're going to be a very good side."

## Welcome

Meanwhile, Owen prepares for Saturday's sentimental return and he expects a warm welcome from the City fans and club officials.

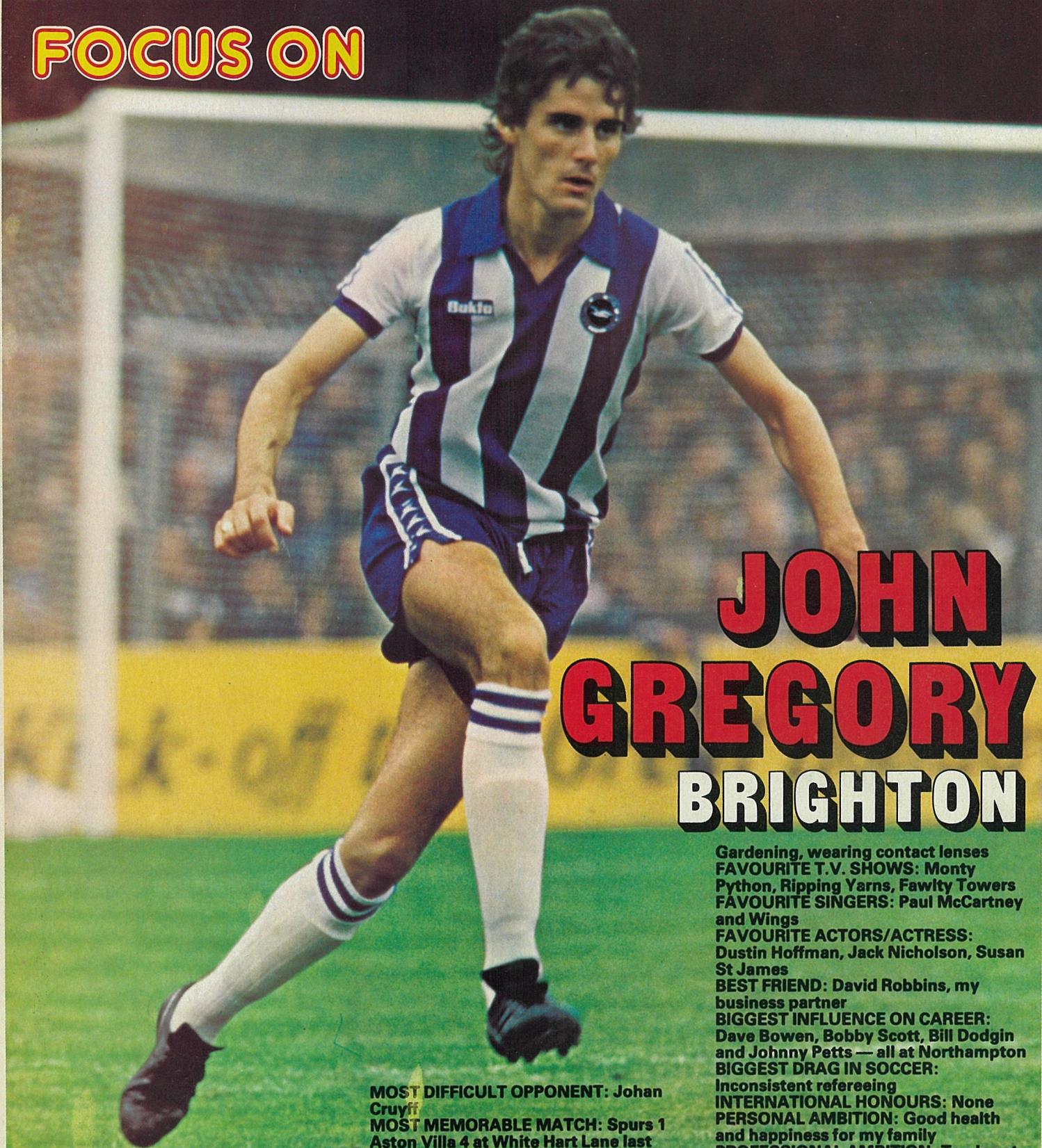
"They must all know I never wanted to leave the club. It was just circumstances beyond my control and therefore, I don't expect a rough ride from the fans or anything like that.

"I used to be one of those City fans, so I don't believe they'll get at either myself or Peter. Why should they? I still look to see how City are doing and watch for their results. But looking ahead, I don't regret leaving Manchester City although I might have felt upset about it at the time. But you have to look to the future and that's why I'm optimistic — I believe Albion have an exciting time ahead."

Owen won't be drawn on the fate of Manchester City. "I'm not evading the point but I think only time will tell," he says. "Malcolm Allison is clearly looking to the future and we won't know for a season or so whether he was right to unload players like Watson, Kidd, Hartford, Barnes and myself.

"The Maine Road club will always mean something special to me. Although I'll feel nostalgic when we arrive on Saturday I'll only be interested in one thing — two points for Albion."

## FOCUS ON



# JOHN GREGORY BRIGHTON

**FULL NAME:** John Charles Gregory  
**BIRTHPLACE:** Scunthorpe  
**BIRTHDATE:** May 11, 1956  
**HEIGHT:** 5ft 11½ins  
**WEIGHT:** 11st 11lbs  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Northampton, Aston Villa  
**MARRIED:** To Michele  
**CHILDREN:** Louisa (5), Stewart (2)  
**CAR:** Volvo 244DL  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Jimmy Greaves  
**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** Tottenham

**MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:** Johan Cruyff  
**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** Spurs 1 Aston Villa 4 at White Hart Lane last season when Argentinians Ardiles and Villa made their home debuts  
**BIGGEST THRILL:** Scoring in the above game  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Losing 2-1 to Barcelona in the U.E.F.A. Cup Quarter-Finals with Aston Villa  
**BEST COUNTRY VISITED:** Holland  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Roast beef and Yorkshire pudding  
**MISCELLANEOUS LIKES:** Music, and most sports  
**MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:**

Gardening, wearing contact lenses  
**FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS:** Monty Python, Ripping Yarns, Fawlty Towers  
**FAVOURITE SINGERS:** Paul McCartney and Wings

**FAVOURITE ACTORS/ACTRESS:** Dustin Hoffman, Jack Nicholson, Susan St James

**BEST FRIEND:** David Robbins, my business partner

**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** Dave Bowen, Bobby Scott, Bill Dodgin and Johnny Petts — all at Northampton

**BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER:**

Inconsistent refereeing

**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:** None

**PERSONAL AMBITION:** Good health and happiness for my family

**PROFESSIONAL AMBITION:** To play at Wembley

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